



FAITH AND FEAR HAVE TO BE EARNED. WAIT IT OUT! SEE IF SHE CAN PASS THIS TEST AND BREAK FREE WITH HER OWN POWERS! BECAUSE, IF NOT... DOES SHE DESERVE TO BE IN CHARGE?

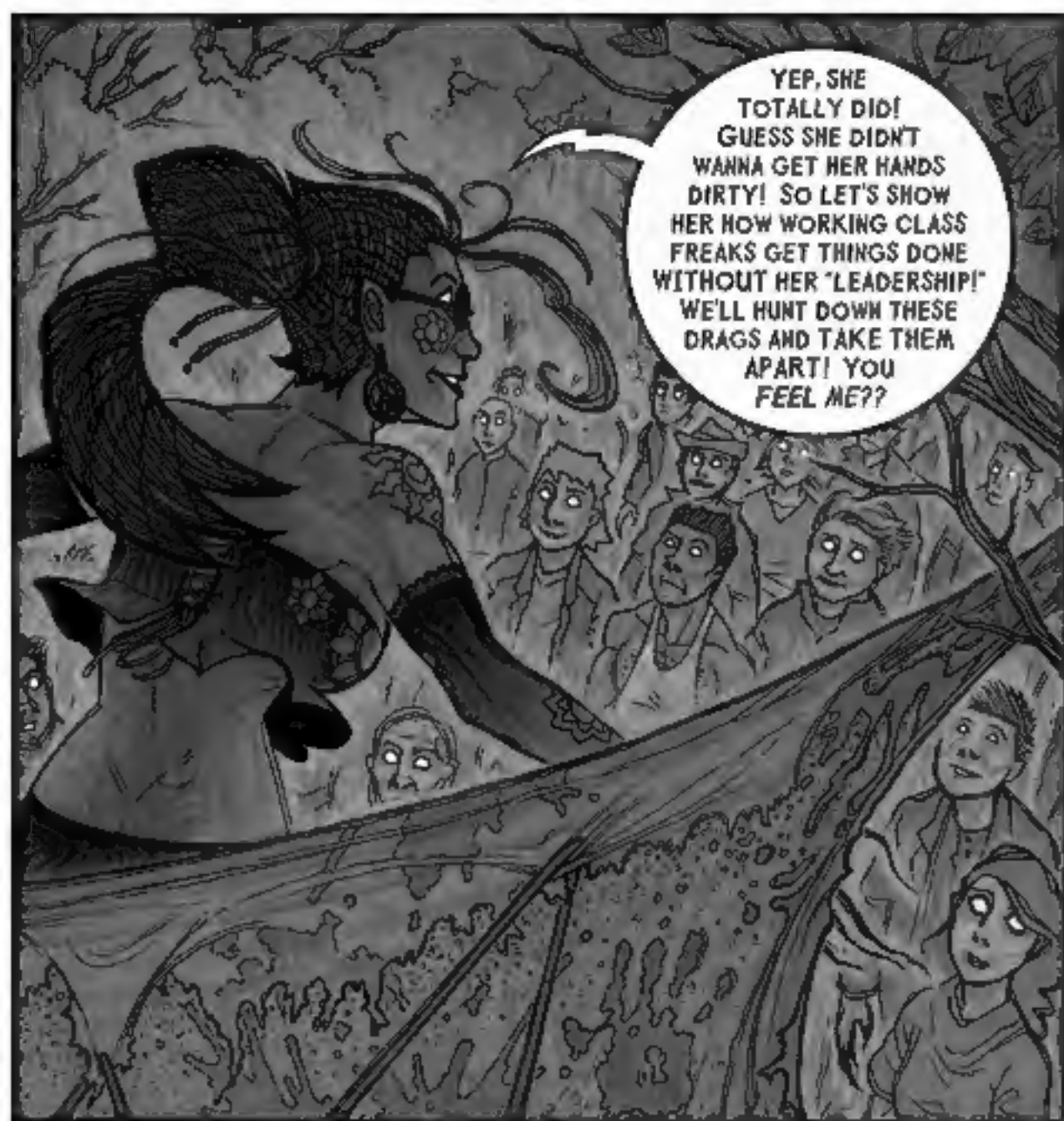
PERSONALLY, I HAVE HIGHER STANDARDS.



MEANTIME, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ON OUR OWN! YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT THE SCOOBY-DOO CREEPS CAUSIN' TROUBLE LATELY? TELL 'EM, BECKY!



AH... W-WELL, YEAH, THERE WAS A WEREWOLF, AND A GUY WHO SHOT US WITH A NAIL GUN... HEY, BLOO, YOU TOLD US ZANDRA SAID TO KILL THEM--



YEP, SHE TOTALLY DID! GUESS SHE DIDN'T WANNA GET HER HANDS DIRTY! SO LET'S SHOW HER HOW WORKING CLASS FREAKS GET THINGS DONE WITHOUT HER "LEADERSHIP!" WE'LL HUNT DOWN THESE DRAGS AND TAKE THEM APART! YOU FEEL ME??



DIBS ON THE WOLF.

COME ON  
OUT, WALLY!  
DON'T HIDE.

I'M...  
I DON'T  
WANNA.

WHY?  
IT'S YOUR  
NEW LOOK,  
COME SHOW  
IT OFF!

CO-CO  
CON

IT'S, UM...  
KIND OF  
SEVERE, YOU  
KNOW?

OH, WE  
DON'T HAVE A  
PROBLEM WITH  
ME PARADING AROUND  
IN CRAZY FETISH GEAR,  
BUT WITH YOU IT'S  
DIFFERENT,  
HUN?

MMM.  
NO! MAYBE.  
IT'S JUST--

FWEET!

WALLY,  
COME!  
COME!

SNAP-  
SNAP!

EH? EH?  
WHADDYA  
THINK? WILD  
WARRIORS!

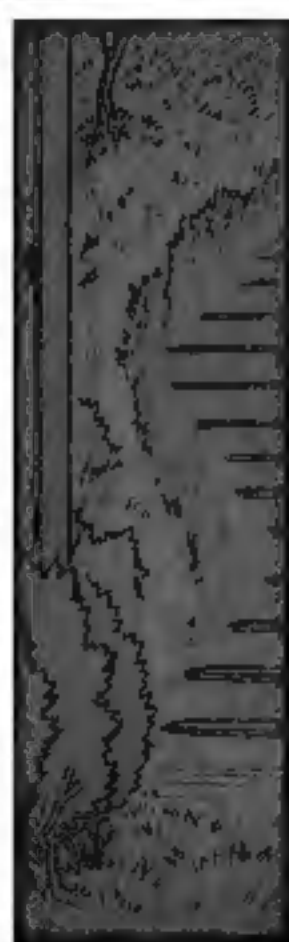
BETCHA  
VAMPIRES  
THINK TWICE  
WHEN THEY SEE  
THIS MANY  
SPIKES!

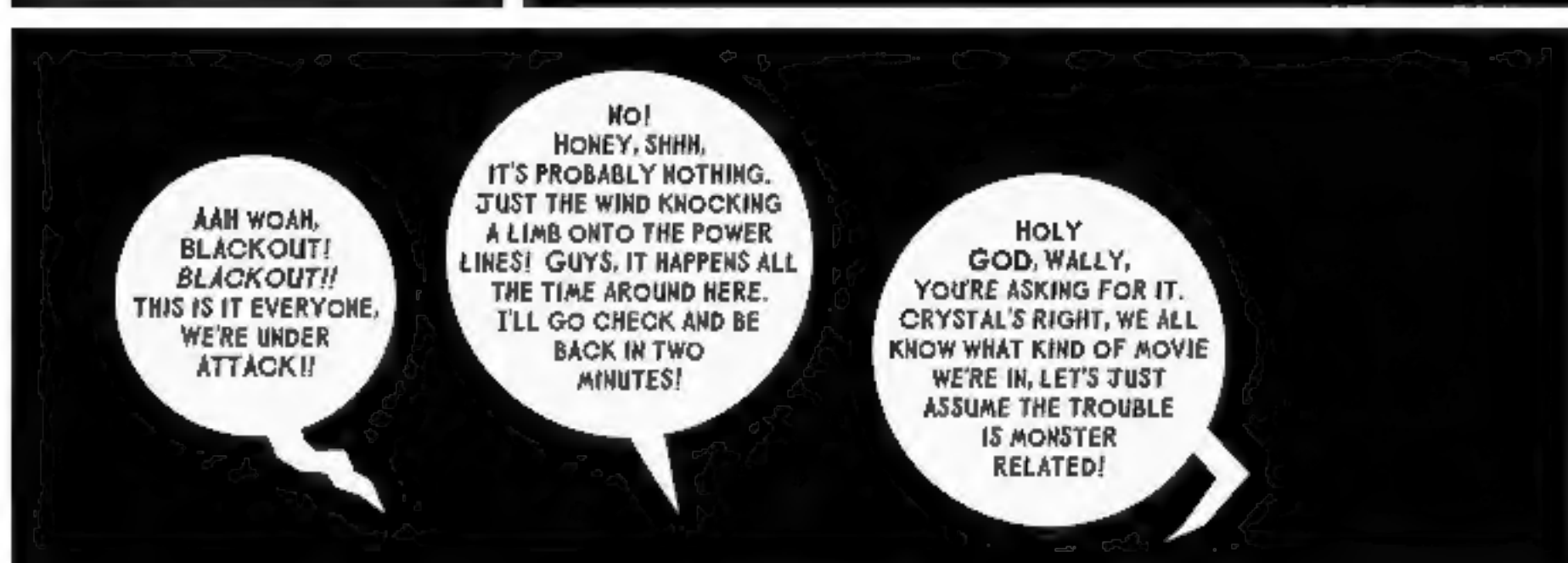
IS THIS  
REMOТЕLY  
PRACTICAL?

IT'S PRETTY  
UTILITARIAN  
COMPARED TO  
SOME OF THE  
STUFF I SEE  
ONLINE.

CLAP  
CLAP  
CLAP  
CLAP







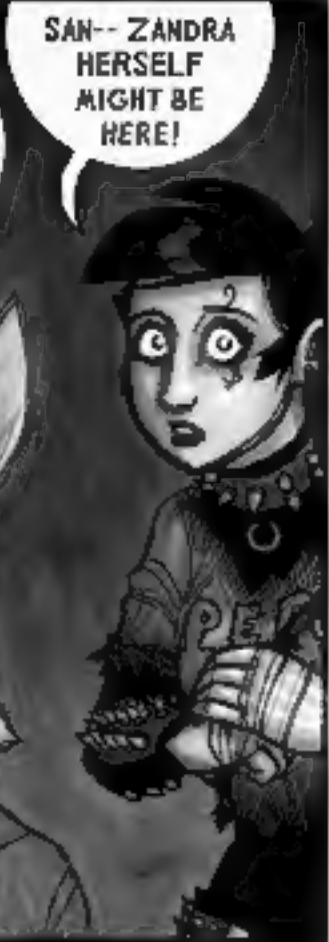


A man with a goatee and a plaid shirt looks on with a concerned expression as flames rise in the background.


NOW LISTEN, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT VAMPIRES CAN'T COME INTO THE HOUSE UNLESS WE INVITE THEM IN. IT'S A RULE!

A character with a rabbit head and a dark mask looks at Jack with a serious expression.

JACK, VAMPIRES AREN'T THE ONLY KIND OF MONSTERS IN TOWN.


A woman with dark hair and a choker necklace looks at Jack with a worried expression.

SAN-- ZANDRA HERSELF MIGHT BE HERE!

A close-up of Jack's face, looking shocked with wide eyes and an open mouth as flames are visible in the background.

OH, WELL...

YEAH, MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T CHILL.

A close-up of Jack's face, looking slightly to the side with a concerned expression.


SNFF!

The rabbit character points its finger at Jack, who is looking back at it with a concerned expression.

THE FLOOR!

IT SMELLS DEAD! JACK, BURN IT!

CRACK! KKRK!

A character with a mohawk and a dark mask is in a dark, rocky environment, looking towards the viewer with a serious expression.

NO, DONT SHOOT! PEACE! I COME IN PEACE!

WHAT--? WHO'RE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU??

HFF. NAME'S WALTER, I'M A GHOUL! I'M NOT GONNA HURTCHA, BUT THIS PLACE IS SURROUNDED BY VAMPIRES ON THE WARPETH! THEY'LL MOVE IN ANY MINUTE! I'M HERE TO GET YOU OUT!



IF THERE  
ARE VAMPIRES  
OUTSIDE THEN THEY'LL  
STAY OUTSIDE. THEY  
HAVEN'T BEEN GIVEN  
AN INVITATION.

UM, JACK...  
WOULD A... WOULD  
A WELCOME MAT  
COUNT AS AN  
INVITATION?



DOES  
IT SAY  
"WELCOME?"

MM  
HM.

THEN WE  
MIGHT BE IN  
LEGITIMATE  
TROUBLE.



ALRIGHT  
THEN, COME  
ON! INTO  
THE HOLE!

YOU  
WANT US  
TO... IN  
THE... ?



HOLD ON, WE  
CAN'T TRUST THIS  
GUY! HE COULD BE  
LEADING US INTO A TRAP!  
WHY WOULD HE EVEN  
WANT TO HELP US??  
MAYBE HE CUT  
THE POWER!



HEY,  
DON'T TALK  
ABOUT ME LIKE  
I'M NOT HERE.  
THAT'S  
RUDE.

HE'S RIGHT,  
WALLY. HE'S  
A GUEST.

OKAY,  
I'M SORRY.  
STILL,  
THOUGH!






CAN YOU  
SMELL ANY  
VAMPIRES  
IN THE AREA,  
WALLY?

NO! BUT...  
NOW THAT YOU  
MENTION IT, I COULDN'T  
SMELL THE VAMPIRES IN  
TOWN. I DON'T THINK THEY  
HAVE SMELLS! GEEZ...  
DO YOU HAVE A SPELL  
FOR DETECTING  
VAMPIRES?

LOOK... FOLKS.  
THERE'S NO TIME.  
I'M TRYING TO BE A  
GOOD GUY, BUT IF THE MOB  
CATCHES ME ON YOUR SIDE  
THEY'LL TEAR ME TO BITS.  
SO I'M GOING DOWN  
THIS HOLE IN ONE  
MINUTE, WITH OR  
WITHOUT YOU.




SAM,  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK?  
IS THIS A  
TRICK?



WELL  
I STILL DON'T  
TRUST MY INSTINCTS,  
BUT THEY'RE ALL I GOT.  
GHOUL BREAKS IN, SAYS  
WE'RE IN DANGER, HAS NO  
EVIDENCE, ASKS US TO GET  
IN A HOLE... YOU'D HAVE  
TO BE ABSOLUTELY  
STUPID TO SET UP A  
TRICK LIKE  
THAT.

AND HE  
DOESN'T SOUND  
STUPID TO ME.  
I BELIEVE  
HIM.



ISN'T THAT,  
UM... CIRCULAR  
REASONING?

OH  
NO...



JUST  
REMEMBER, WE'LL  
HAVE JACK AT YOUR  
BACK, AND YOU  
LOOK PLENTY  
FLAMMABLE.

VERY  
FAIR. NOW  
COME ON IN,  
I'LL MAKE THE  
TUNNEL NICE  
AND WIDE.




WAIT.  
WAIT. IN  
THERE? I  
DON'T KNOW  
IF I CAN DO  
THIS...

CRYSTAL,  
LOOK AT  
ME.



LOOK  
AT MY FIRE.  
IT'S COZY, ISN'T IT?  
LIKE WHEN WE WOULD  
SIT BY THE WOOD STOVE  
AND LISTEN TO DAD  
TELL HIS STORIES.  
REMEMBER?

WHAT IF  
WE CAN'T GET  
OUT? WHAT IF  
THE GROUND  
COLLAPSES  
ON US?



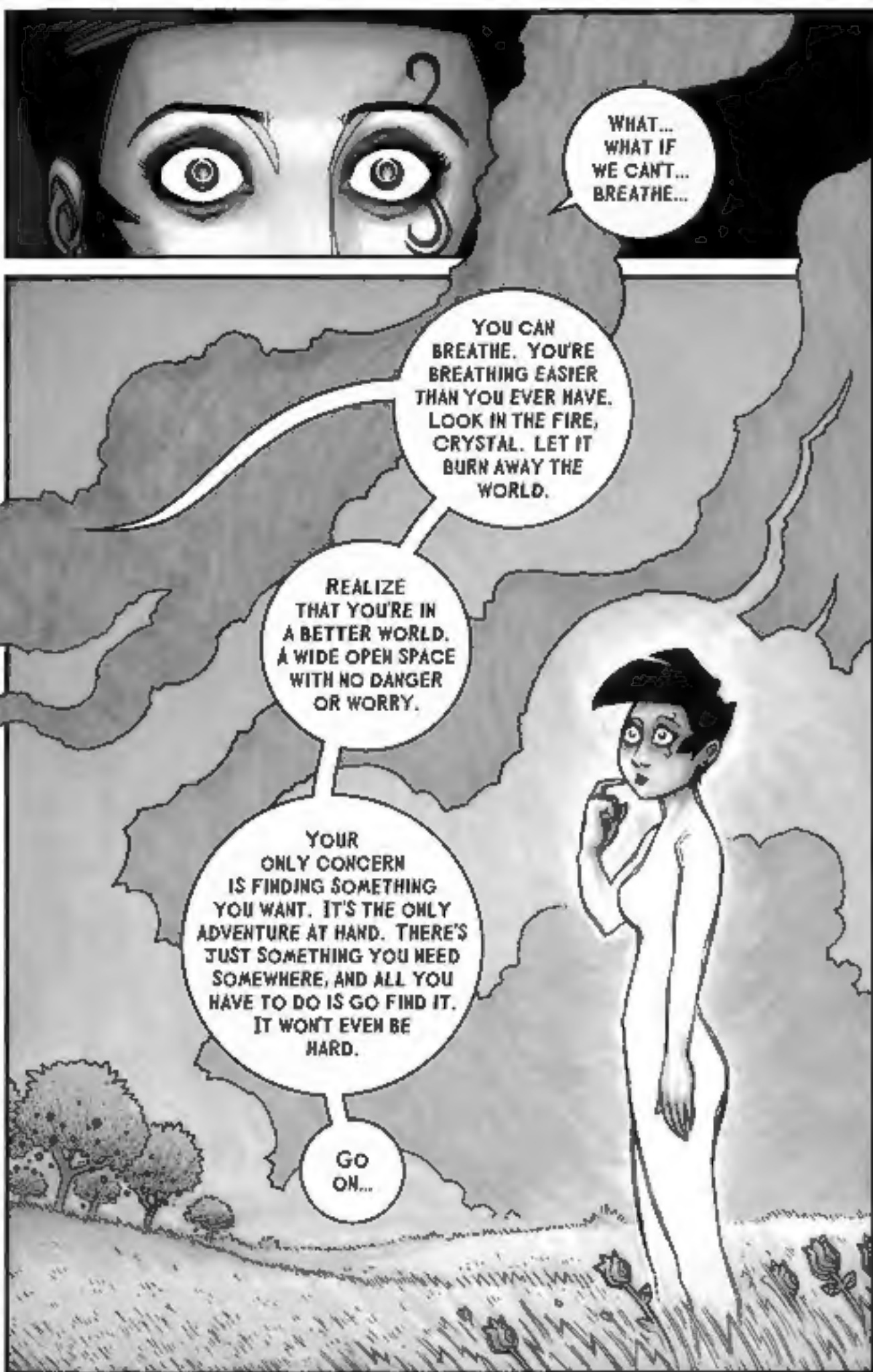
WHAT...  
WHAT IF  
WE CAN'T...  
BREATHE...

YOU CAN  
BREATHE. YOU'RE  
BREATHING EASIER  
THAN YOU EVER HAVE.  
LOOK IN THE FIRE,  
CRYSTAL. LET IT  
BURN AWAY THE  
WORLD.

REALIZE  
THAT YOU'RE IN  
A BETTER WORLD.  
A WIDE OPEN SPACE  
WITH NO DANGER  
OR WORRY.

YOUR  
ONLY CONCERN  
IS FINDING SOMETHING  
YOU WANT. IT'S THE ONLY  
ADVENTURE AT HAND. THERE'S  
JUST SOMETHING YOU NEED  
SOMEWHERE, AND ALL YOU  
HAVE TO DO IS GO FIND IT.  
IT WON'T EVEN BE  
HARD.

GO  
ON...





FIND  
THE  
TREASURE.










HERE WE  
GO... YOU  
OKAY HONEY?  
YOU BACK  
WITH US?

WE  
MADE IT!  
THAT WASN'T  
SO BAD, WAS  
IT?


HONEY?



UPSIE DAISY  
YOU ALRIGHT?  
DID YOU HAVE A  
NICE, UM... DREAM?  
YOU WERE A LOT CALMER  
THAN I WAS DOWN THERE,  
I ALMOST ASKED  
JACK TO GIVE  
ME ONE TOO!

OH... OH.  
OKAY

OKAY



PEOPLE  
OUGHTA BE  
RABBITS. I GOT  
NO PROBLEM  
WITH HOLES

MY  
KINDA  
GUY



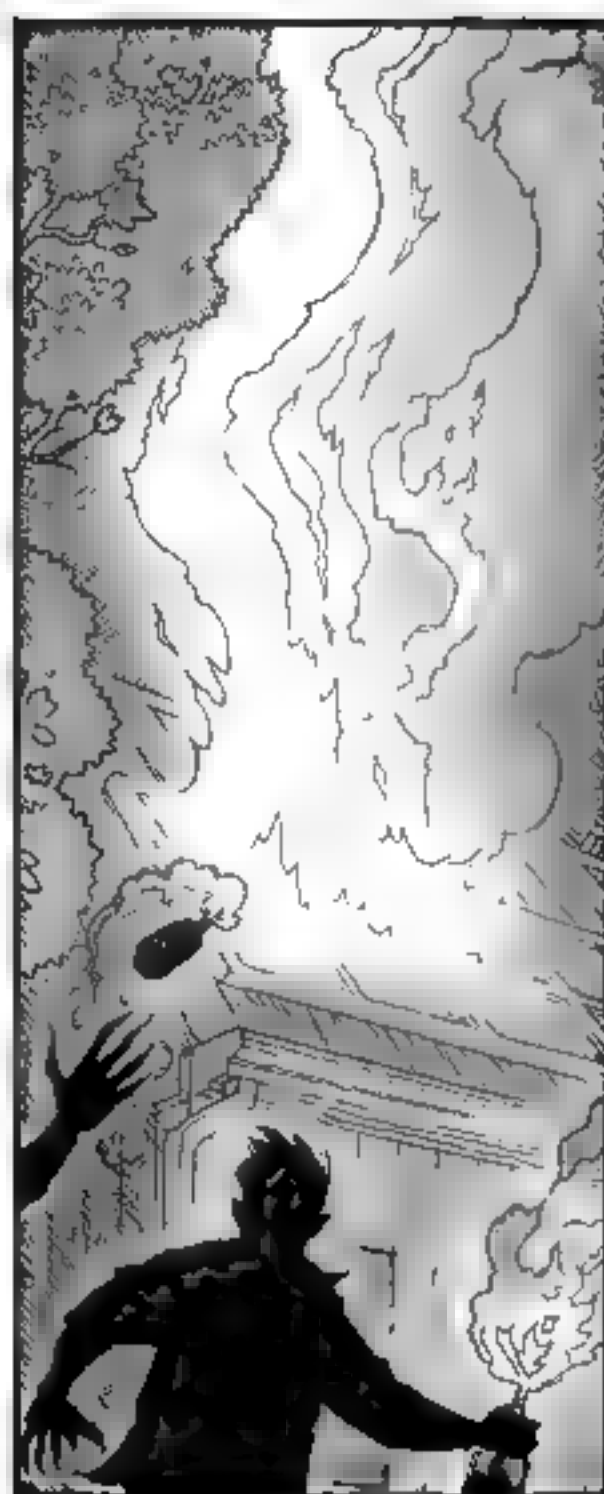
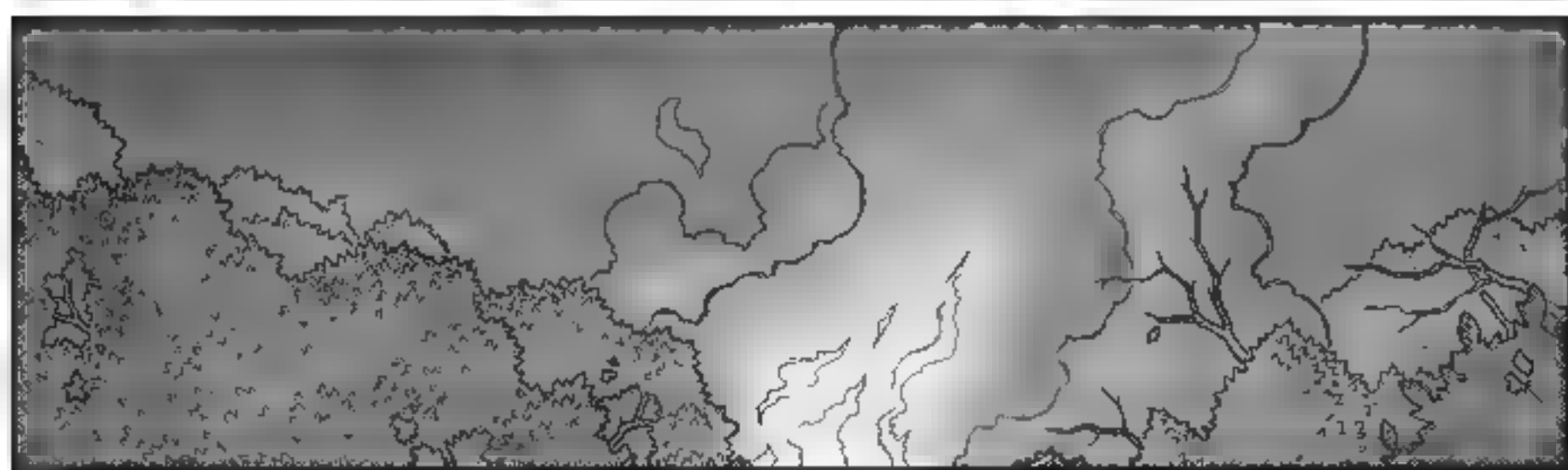
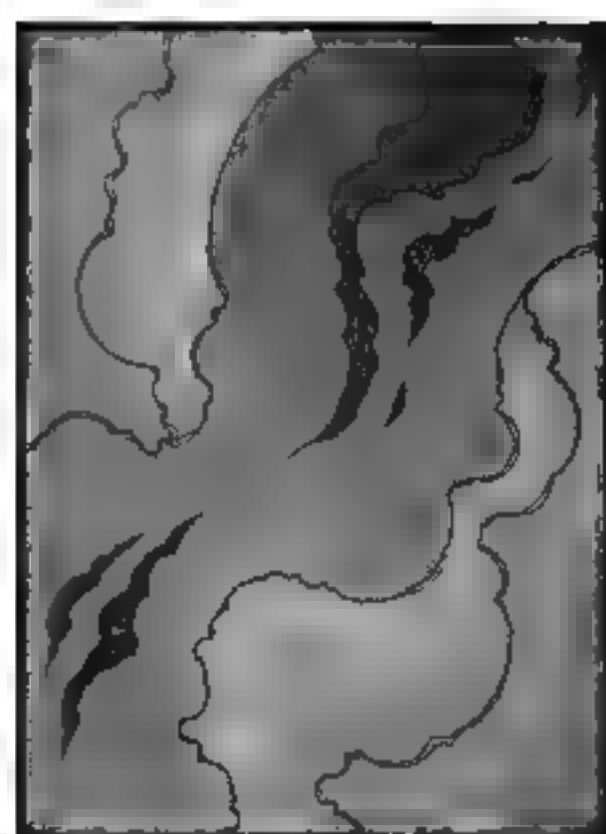
THANKS, TOMIE...  
CRYSTAL? I'M SORRY IF  
I WENT TOO FAR WITH THAT  
I JUST WANTED TO HELP YOU  
RELAX. I DIDN'T MEAN TO PUT  
YOU SO DEEP IN THE SPELL  
WAS IT A GOOD VISION, THOUGH?  
I'VE BEEN TOLD I GIVE PEOPLE  
KINKY VISIONS. WAS IT KINKY?  
IF SO, I APOLOGIZE  
IF YOU WANT ME TO



CRYSTAL?

SNF

M OKAY







YOU'RE  
A PETULANT  
CHILD.

AW DON'T  
BE A BORE.  
BORS

ELDERS  
ALWAYS BORE  
THEIR PROGENY  
ESPECIALLY  
WHEN THEY  
DISAPPROVE.



WELL WHY  
DONTCHA  
STOP ME?  
HUH?

I DON'T  
STOP OR  
START THINGS.  
I LOST THE WILL  
TO INTERVENE  
LONG AGO.

AND YOU  
WANT ME TO BE  
THE SAME WAY?  
GRATEFUL  
DEAD?



I AIN'T  
DEAD, I'M  
ALIVE RIGHT  
NOW I'M MORE ALIVE  
THAN I'VE BEEN  
IN SO MANY  
YEARS

THIS IS  
A FLEETING  
THRILL. LIKE  
EVERY GOAL  
YOU'VE EVER  
CHASED!




WHOSE  
FAULT IS THAT?  
YOU DID THIS TO ME!  
I COULD'VE WALKED IN AND  
OUT OF THAT TENT AND GONE  
HOME! I COULDA COME DOWN,  
GROWN UP AND GOTTEN A JOB AND  
STUFF LIKE ALL MY FRIENDS!  
THEY TURNED INTO MOTHERS AND  
LAWYERS AND CAPITALISTS,  
AND WHAT AM I? NOTHING!!  
I'M STILL A GOD DAMN  
HIPPIY!!



YES,  
YOU WERE A  
TERRIBLE MISTAKE  
BUT THIS IS NO  
HELP FOR  
IT

PLEASE  
LITTLE DREAMER,  
MY BEAUTIFUL ONE.  
STOP THIS FOOLISHNESS  
WE WILL FIND SOME  
OTHER THING TO  
PASS THE TIME.

AND WITH  
ZANDRA'S  
GIFT YOU CAN HAVE  
REAL DREAMS AGAIN.  
SLEEPING DREAMS.  
THEN PERHAPS YOU  
MAY COME FULLY  
AWAKE AGAIN  
AT LAST




HAI HA HA.  
OH MAKE  
PEACE NOT  
WAR?



WELL,  
THERE'S A  
A TIME FOR LOVE  
A TIME FOR HATE  
A TIME FOR PEACE.  
BUT NOW IT'S  
TOO LATE

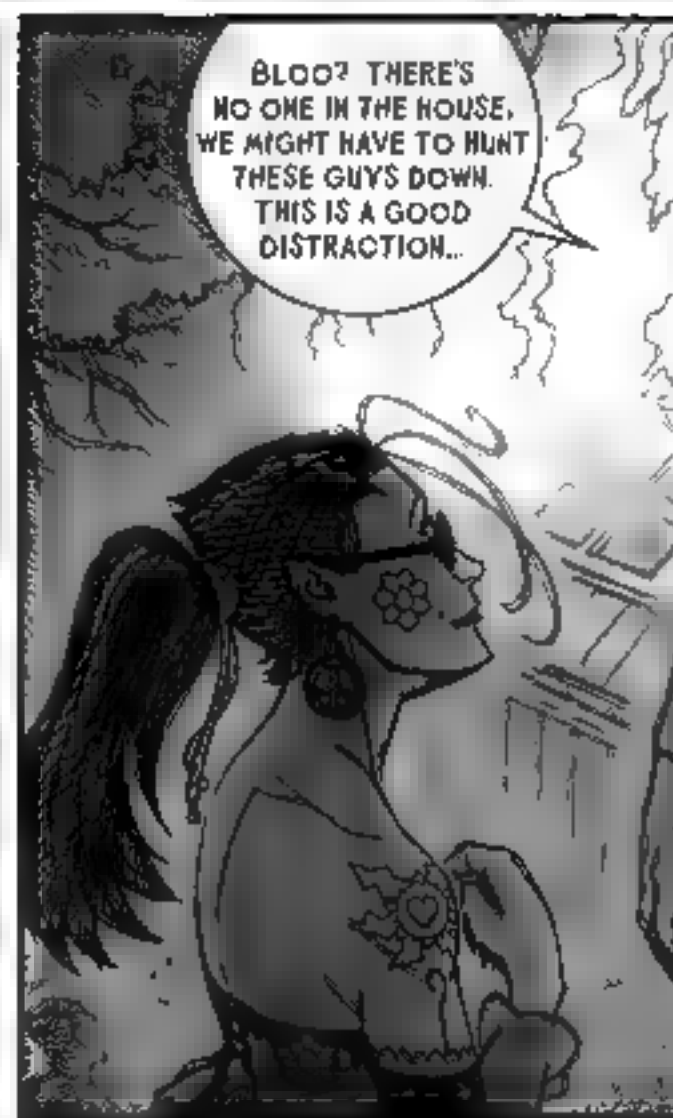
'CAUSE I  
LIVED THE  
DREAM OF A  
GENERATION, MAN.  
FADING AWAY WITH  
EVERY NEW DAY,  
PERFECT PACIFISM  
IN PRACTICE

AND IT'S  
ABSOLUTELY  
HELL.




YOU,  
HEH. YOU  
TAUGHT ME  
THE TRUTH,  
BORS.

PEACE  
IS DEATH.  
WAR IS  
LIFE.



BLOO? THERE'S  
NO ONE IN THE HOUSE.  
WE MIGHT HAVE TO HUNT  
THESE GUYS DOWN.  
THIS IS A GOOD  
DISTRACTION...




SOME OF  
THE OTHERS  
ARE ALREADY  
ASKING WHEN THEY  
CAN SLEEP THEY  
WANT ZANDRA'S  
BLOOD





WELL  
BLAH BLAH BLAH,  
BITCH BITCH BITCH!  
SEE? SHE'S TURNED US  
INTO WHINY LITTLE  
JUNKIES!



BUT I'M  
USED TO  
THAT



SHCK!



HARD  
PART'S  
FINDING SYRINGES  
THAT WON'T MELT  
BUT GETTING THE  
BLOOD'S  
EASY!

HELL,  
I'VE GOT  
THE WORST  
VAMPIRE IN TOWN  
WORKING THE  
PUMP!

THIS ISN'T  
SO BAD. IS IT?  
AT LEAST NOW  
YOU'VE GOT A TV  
AND A LITTLE  
LIBRARY!

DARYL LIFTED  
THE SET, BUT I  
PICKED THE MOVIES.  
I REMEMBERED YOU  
LIKED WESTERNS!  
DO YOU, STILL?

MM  
HM.

DID YOU  
KNOW THEY MADE  
A MOVIE ABOUT YOU?  
WELL, A DOCUMENTARY  
MOSTLY IT'S PICTURES AND  
TESTIMONIES FROM THE  
NIGHT THE CEMETERY  
EXPLODED DOES  
THIS HURT?

IT'S  
FINE

YOU'RE BEING  
A REAL TROOPER  
I KNOW I'M SLOPPY,  
I'VE NEVER DRAWN BLOOD  
NOT WITH A TOOL ANYWAY!  
HA. SO... JUST KINDA  
SHOOTING BLIND. LET  
ME KNOW IF I HIT  
A SORE SPOT

SORRY  
AM I TALKING  
TOO MUCH?

YOU'RE  
DISTRACTING  
YOURSELF  
BECAUSE YOU'RE  
FRANTIC

YEAH.


THIS IS ALL  
MESSSED UP  
I'M IN A NIGHT  
MARE INSIDE A  
NIGHTMARE





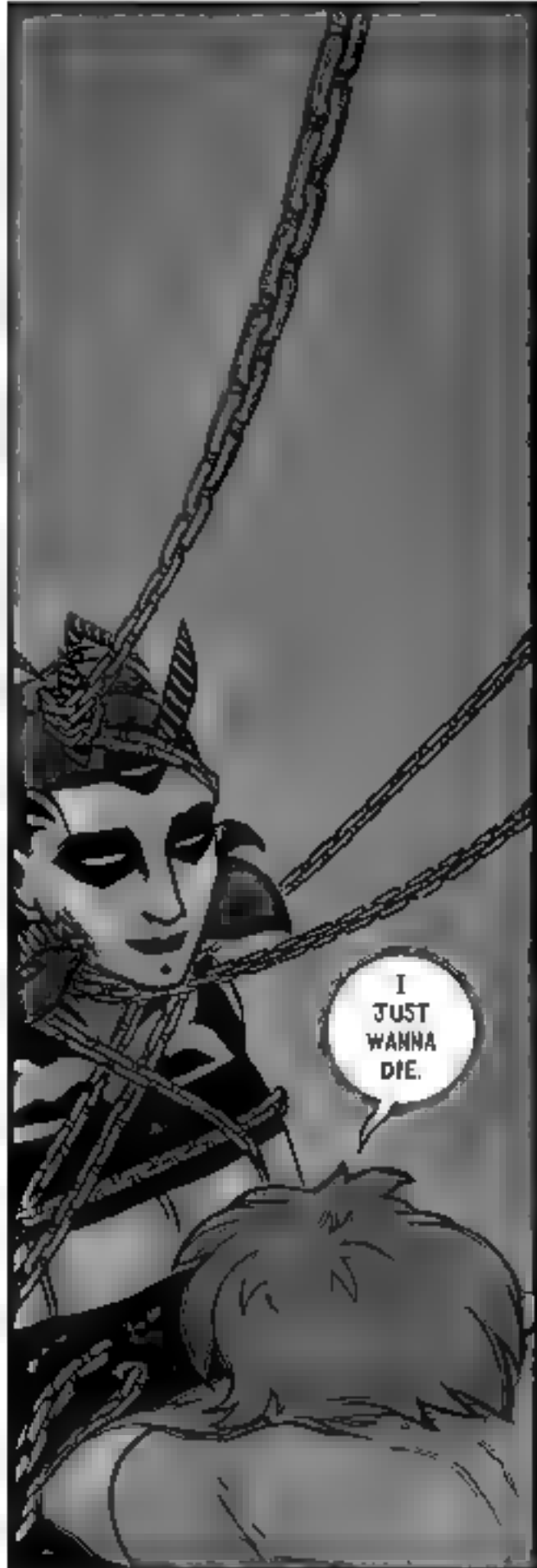
I'M IN A NIGHT-MARE!!

I HATE THIS! THIS IS CRAZY! WHY CAN'T I WAKE UP?




GOD, IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST. WE JUST WENT TO A PARTY AND NOW WE'RE MONSTERS!

I TRIED TO KILL A GIRL! A NICE GIRL! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?? I'M A PSYCHO!



I JUST WANNA DIE.



SO WHAT KEEPS YOU GOING?

I THINK IT'S JERRY AND DARYL. YOU'RE STRONG BECAUSE YOUR FRIENDS NEED YOU TO BE STRONG

I'M NOT STRONG.

YES YOU ARE THERE'S A REASON THEY LET YOU SPEAK FOR THEM, BECKY

YOU REMIND ME OF ME WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.

SNF  
THANKS?

YOU'RE  
WELCOME

MAYBE  
MAYBE I AM  
STRONG IN FACT  
YOU KNOW WHAT?  
I'M GETTING THOSE  
CHAINS OFF  
RIGHT NOW!

DON'T  
LEAVE THIS  
TO ME

BLOO  
SAID YOU'D  
SAY THAT!  
BUT WHY?

I DON'T  
NEED YOUR  
HELP WITH THIS,  
BUT YOU CAN DO  
SOMETHING ELSE  
FOR ME

ANYTHING!

CRYSTAL

TELL  
ME WHAT  
SHE SAID WHEN  
YOU FOUND  
HER.

OH WELL,  
WE SHADOWED  
HER FOR A WHILE  
ACTUALLY SHE HAD  
A LOT TO SAY  
TO YOU.

BOY,  
WHERE TO  
BEGIN.

YOU  
DIDN'T SEE  
ANYONE?  
JUST THE  
SMOKE?

WHILE  
YOU WERE  
AWAY FROM  
YOUR HOUSE..  
MODELING? IN THE  
WOODS. AT NIGHT  
WITH YOUR...  
UM...

SLAVE?

UH  
HUH.

HONEY

BOY-  
FRIEND  
SORRY



IS THIS  
A JOB?

SORT OF  
I DESIGN, MODEL,  
AND SELL COSTUMES  
I'M ALSO A WRITER  
AND FREELANCE  
TELEMARKETER.

WALLY  
HUNTS AND KILLS  
HIS OWN GAME  
WE MAKE ENDS  
MEET

AHEM.

RIGHT..  
WELL, MAYBE YOU  
SHOULD KEEP OUT OF  
THE WOODS UNTIL WE'RE  
SURE THE FIRE'S OUT AND  
THE CRAZIES ARE GONE  
DO YOU HAVE  
A PLACE TO  
STAY?

WE...  
HAD A PLACE.  
ACTUALLY, WE'VE  
BEEN MEANING  
TO CHECK  
BACK....

HM IF  
YOU'VE GOT A  
PHONE I CAN GIVE  
YOU A CALL WHEN  
THE COAST IS CLEAR  
SO YOU CAN ASSESS  
THE DAMAGE AND  
COLLECT YOUR  
THINGS.

IT'S  
GETTING  
STRANGE  
AGAIN, ISN'T  
IT?

I'M  
SORRY?

THE  
TOWN, IT'S  
TURNING  
WEIRD.


LIKE  
FIVE YEARS  
AGO WHEN FOLKS  
WERE SEEING DEVILS.  
I HAD A FRIEND WHO  
DISAPPEARED  
BACK THEN.

NOW MORE  
PEOPLE ARE  
MISSING, AND THIS  
INVISIBLE GANG'S  
MAKING NOISE..  
YOU WEREN'T THE  
ONLY ONES HIT  
LAST NIGHT



HAH, PIGLET  
THOSE AINT  
HITS. THEY'RE HUGS!  
THE FIRES ARE BIRTH-  
DAY CANDLES. WE'RE  
REACHING OUT FOR YOU  
BABIES, WE'RE COMING  
TOGETHER!

SEE MIKE?  
THERE'S A KIND  
OF HUSH. ALL OVER  
THE WORLD! YOU'RE  
TOO YOUNG TO TELL  
BUT WALLS ARE CRUMBLING  
IT'S GETTING EASIER TO  
REACH OUT AND TOUCH  
THEIR STATUS SYMBOL  
LIVES!



YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
I SEE?



REALLY  
UGLY  
HANDS.




RELAAX!  
IF YOU SQUINT  
YOU CAN CATCH  
RAINBOWS IN YOUR  
FINGER FOG  
UNLESS THAT'S  
JUST ME

HEY, GO SEE  
MISS Z IF YOU  
WANT CHAINS ARE  
SEXY! PAINT A  
PICTURE!



OTHERWISE,  
SIT AND WATCH  
THE CHILDREN PLAY THAT  
HELPS SOME OF US GET BY  
PICK SOMEONE TO FOLLOW.  
HOUND 'EM FOR YEARS IF YOU  
WANT! LIFE'S A SOAP OPERA,  
BREATHE A CONTACT HIGH  
EASY TO GET  
HOOKED!



LIKE, TAKE  
THOSE TWO  
WHY AINT THEY  
MARRIED? THEY  
SURE LOOK LIKE  
THE TYPE



I'M MORE  
CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE WEIRD ONES  
WHERE'S THE FLANNEL  
GUY? AND THE BOOK  
LADY AND THE  
RABBIT?

PLAYIN'  
HIDE-AND-SEEK.  
MAN! THEY'RE  
GONNA LOSE!

NO ONE  
HIDES OR  
SEEKS BETTER  
THAN US!

SO  
GHOSTS CAN  
SEE VAMPIRES DURING  
THE DAY BUT VAMPIRES  
CAN'T SEE GHOSTS  
DOES YOUR GRADE OF  
INVISIBILITY DEPEND  
ON HOW DEAD YOU  
ARE?

AND HOW  
COME TOMIE  
CAN TALK TO  
GHOSTS? WHAT'S  
THAT ABOUT?

I DON'T  
KNOW WE'RE  
STILL LEARNING  
THE RULES FOR  
HER

YKNOW,  
BETWEEN TOMIE,  
MARY, AND "ZANDRA," I  
MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF  
RECORD FOR CREATING  
UNPRECEDENTED  
SHE CREATURES!

...

...



WHO IS  
THIS GHOST,  
ANYWAY? DID  
WALTER GIVE  
A NAME?

MARIA  
VOGEL WIFE OF  
THE TOWN'S FOUNDER!  
IT'S A SAD STORY, TURNS OUT  
HE WASN'T SUCH A NICE GUY  
BUT I GUESS SHE'S STILL CIVIC-  
MINDED IF SHE AND WALTER  
ARE FORMING A RESISTANCE  
TO CURB THE VAMPIRE  
UPRISING!

HOO.  
YOU EVER NOTICE  
HOW OFTEN WE GET  
TO DESCRIBE THINGS IN  
OUR LIVES THAT SOUND  
LIKE THE PREMISE  
OF AN AWESOME  
SHOW?

I DO  
NOW WHO  
ELSE IS IN THIS  
"RESISTANCE?"

WELL -  
US, I GUESS.  
THIS JUST  
STARTED LAST  
NIGHT

I'M GOING  
TO ASK TOMIE  
TO ASK MARIA IF  
SHE WOULD MIND IF  
WE USED THIS PLACE  
AS OUR BASE OF  
OPERATIONS  
FOR NOW...

OH  
TOMIE  
SAYS MARIA SAYS  
SHE ISN'T DEAF, AND  
WE'RE WELCOME TO  
STAY SO LONG AS WE  
DON'T MAKE A MESS  
IN HER MURDER  
ROOM

PER  
WHAT?

NOT A ROOM  
WHERE SHE MURDERS  
PEOPLE JUST.. WHERE  
SHE WAS MURDERED.  
SHE'S STILL UNDER  
THE FLOOR.

TOMIE SAYS  
MARIA ALSO SAYS  
SHE HOPES WE HELP  
ZANDRA, BECAUSE  
SHE VISITED HERE AND  
WAS VERY NICE AND  
SAID SHE'D GET  
HER A TV

BEEN  
MAKING FRIENDS  
AND ENEMIES ALL  
OVER THE PLACE...  
MAAM? DID ZANDRA  
MENTION ANYTHING  
ABOUT A "REIGN OF  
TERROR?"



HMM.  
TOMIE  
SAYS MARIA  
HUH? OH,  
SORRY

TOMIE SAYS  
"MRS VOGEL"  
SAYS THAT ZANDRA  
SAID SOMETHING ABOUT  
THAT ONCE THE WAY SHE  
PUT IT IT WON'T BE A  
SINGLE EVENT, BUT  
AN ALTERED  
STATUS QUO?

THAT IT  
WOULD CHANGE  
MISCELLANEOUS AND  
GO ON AND ON. AND  
WHATEVER HAPPENS MRS  
VOGEL LIKES ZANDRA  
MUCH MORE THAN  
THE "NASTY  
HIPPI"



WHO?

THE HEAD  
HOOLIGAN.  
TOMIE SAYS  
THAT MRS VOGEL  
SAYS THAT THE  
VAMPIRES SAY  
THAT--

JACK,  
I SWEAR TO  
GOD.

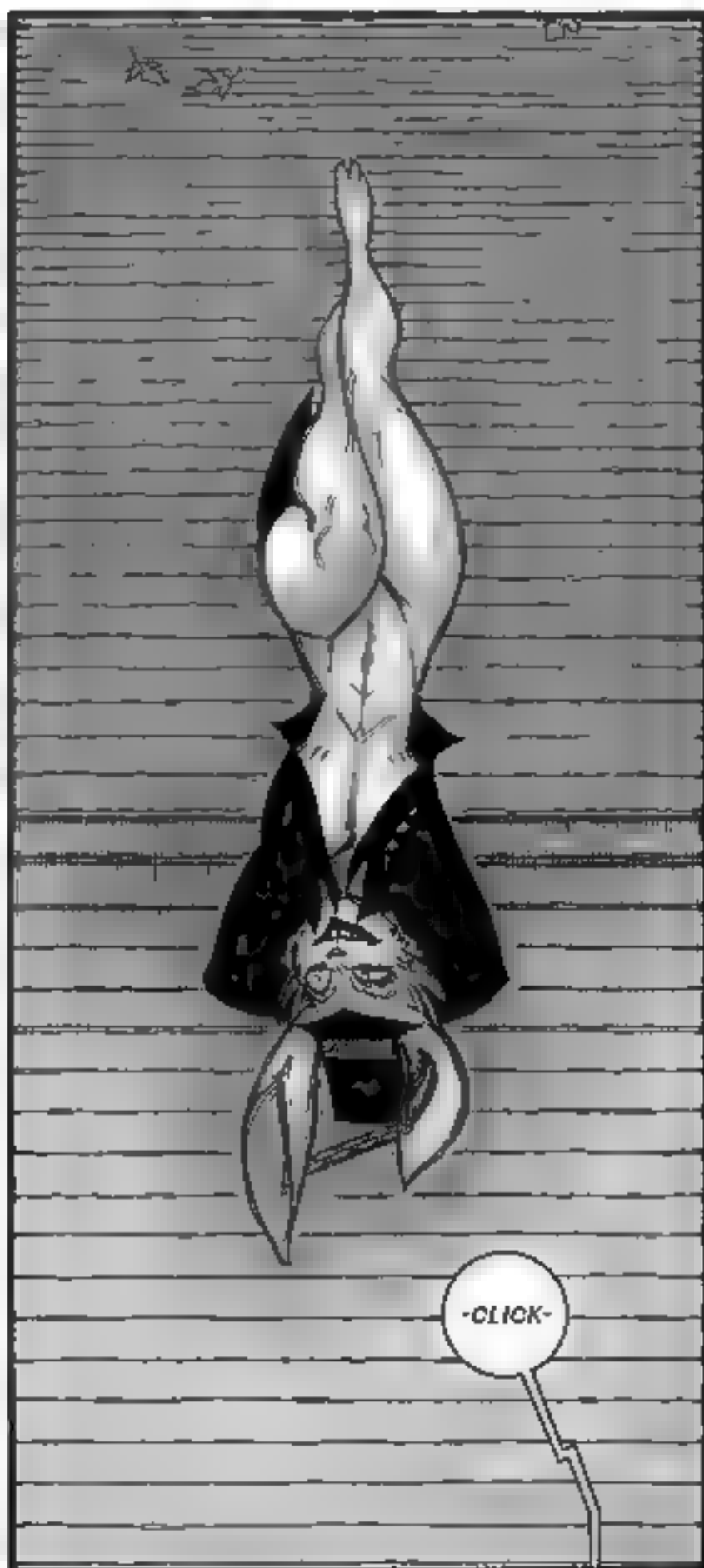


SORRY  
THEY'RE NEARBY,  
AND LOOKING FOR  
US SPECIFICALLY  
BETTER STAY AWAY  
FROM THE  
WINDOW

YEAH.  
THEY COULD  
HAVE EYES ALL  
OVER THE  
PLACE



-CLICK-





UH.



YOU!

S-  
SORRY!!



AHH!



WHOSE  
SIDE SHOULD  
I BE ON??

WH--  
WHA-?

IN THE  
HIDDEN CONFLICT  
BETWEEN THE MONSTERS  
OF MISCELLANEOUS!  
THE VAMPIRES, THE FREAK  
FAMILY THE DEMON!  
WHICH ONE SHOULD  
I PICK??

YOU CAN'T  
LEAVE IT  
UP TO ME!  
I'M A MESS!



I.. I'M  
GOING TO  
NEED MORE  
CONTEXT..  
MAYBE..

ON ONE  
HAND THERE ARE  
VAMPIRES. USUALLY  
APATHETIC. BUT TIMES  
ARE CHANGING! THEY'RE  
ON A SPREE, HUNTING THE  
TARTAN WIZARD, SAM  
SPRINKLES. AND THE  
INKBLOOD!



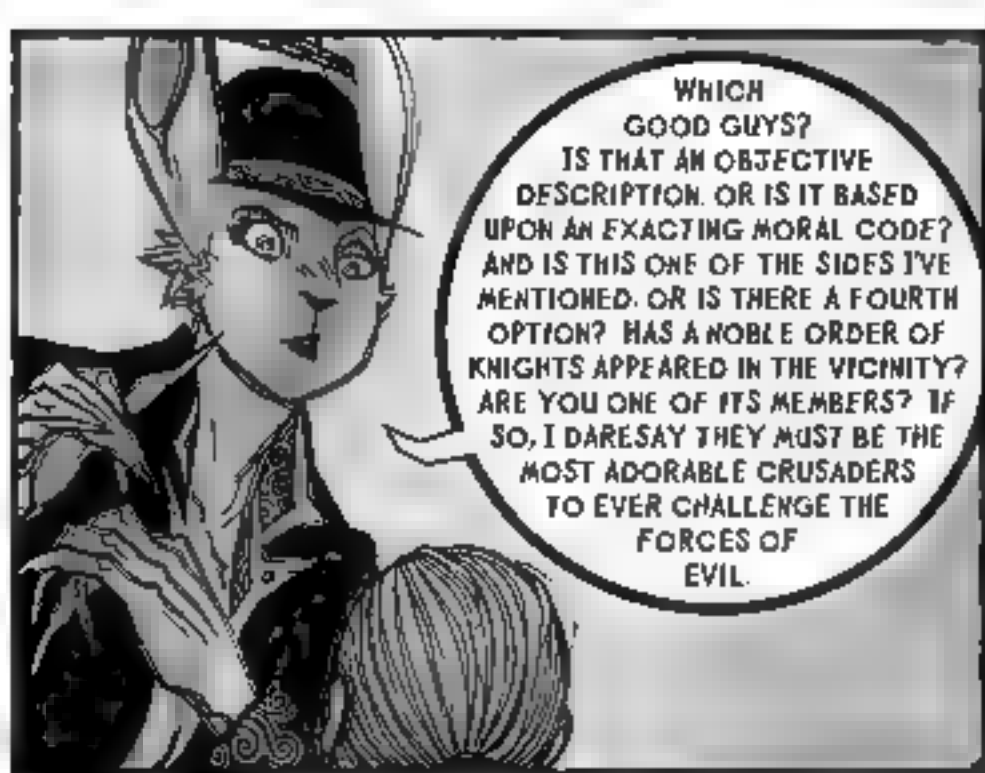
THEY, IN TURN,  
HAVE COME TO HUNT  
ZANDRA THE BLACK  
AND WHITE GEIST, WHOSE  
FLEDGLING GOVERNMENT  
IS OVERTHROWN IF SHE CAN-  
NOT FREE HERSELF FROM  
THE VAMPIRES' CAPTIVITY!  
WHOSE INTERESTS SHALL  
I HUMOR??

LIVES  
WILL HINGE  
ON YOUR  
ADVICE



WH.  
O-O-KAY  
NM.

PICK..  
THE GOOD  
GUYS?



WHICH  
GOOD GUYS?  
IS THAT AN OBJECTIVE  
DESCRIPTION. OR IS IT BASED  
UPON AN EXACTING MORAL CODE?  
AND IS THIS ONE OF THE SIDES I'VE  
MENTIONED. OR IS THERE A FOURTH  
OPTION? HAS A NOBLE ORDER OF  
KNIGHTS APPEARED IN THE VICINITY?  
ARE YOU ONE OF ITS MEMBERS? IF  
SO, I DARESAY THEY MUST BE THE  
MOST ADORABLE CRUSADERS  
TO EVER CHALLENGE THE  
FORCES OF  
EVIL.



NO!  
[MEAN. I  
DON'T. I...  
WAIT

"BLACK  
AND WHITE .."  
DID YOU MEAN  
MISS DEVIL? THE  
THE MISCELLANEOUS  
DEVIL? IS SHE  
BACK??



HSS WELL  
THERE'S A DEVIL IN  
THIS CITY, CERTAINLY  
AND FOUR HORNS WITH  
HER AND THREE EYES, AND  
A CROWN OF PURPLE HAIR  
AND AN UNBROKEN HALO.  
IS SHE YOUR GOOD GUY?  
OR SHALL I SHOP FOR  
ANOTHER?



I KNOW  
HER! I MET  
HER ONCE!  
SHE GAVE ME  
TWENTY  
BUCKS!

HER!  
HELP HER!  
T TELL HER EMILY  
SAYS HI! UM, TELL HER  
I WAS THE GIRL IN THE  
ALLEY! BY THE CHURCH!  
TELL HER I NEVER  
STOPPED CHECKING  
THE ROOFTOPS  
FOR HER!



HOW SWEET!  
IT'S SETTLED  
I'LL BE A KNIGHT  
IN ZANDRA'S  
SERVICE!



LET'S  
HOPE YOU  
WEREN'T A  
BAD FOOL  
TODAY



WAIT!  
COULD  
YOU HELP ME  
TOO??  
HEY!

I-I  
THINK IT'S  
GOING TO  
RAIN--!

OH  
DAMN.



WHAT'S A WORSE CURSE, THE CALM OR THE STORM?  
THE ANSWER DEPENDS ON YOUR MOOD!  
JUST STAY TRUE TO FORM, OR BREAK FROM THE NORM!  
EITHER WAY YOU'LL BE SOME KINDA SCREWED!

YOU'RE SHAPED AND YOU'RE BIRTHED, AND THEN HIT THE DIRT  
LIKE MOST PEOPLE DUMPED ON THE TRACK  
YOU'RE A MINUSCULE SQUIRT AND SOMETIMES YOU'RE HURT  
AND SOMETIMES YOU HURT THE WORLD BACK

BUT GO WITH THE FLOW, WOAH, STAY OFF THE GROUND.  
AND IF YOU DON'T SINK THEN YOU SWIM!  
THE REST OF 'EM DROWN, YEAH, WATCH 'EM GO DOWN!  
LAST ONE TO CROAK SCORES A WIN!

YOU MADE IT THROUGH HELL, NOW FOLKS RING THE BELL!  
THEY OFFER APPLAUSE AND THEY CHEER!  
HEAR 'EM ALL YELL, THEY'LL BUY WHAT YOU SELL  
AND THAT'S HOW YOU START YOUR CAREER!

SO THEN YOU'RE ALL GROWN, YOUR ASS ON THE THRONE,  
LEFT CHILDISH THINGS FAR BEHIND!  
HIGH AND ALONE YOU SIT LIKE A STONE  
WITH MARY A THOUGHT IN YOUR MIND

'CAUSE YOUR HEAD IS A BED MADE FOR MAGGOTS AND FLIES,  
YOUR CROWN'S JUST A ROOF FOR THE BUGS!  
THE KINGDOM GETS BY 'CAUSE IT'S BUILT UPON LIES  
YOUR EXIT IS MET WITH A SHRUG!

YOU CAME AND YOU WENT LIKE A FART ON THE WIND,  
YOU AIN'T EVEN SLIGHTLY DISTRAUGHT  
WHY SHOULD YOU OFFEND? BECAUSE IN THE END,  
YOU'RE SURE NO ONE CARES WHAT YOU THOUGHT

THE RIDE WASN'T LONG, THE TICKET WAS DRAWN,  
YOU STILL LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION!  
YOU STORMED AND YOU CALMED, AND THEN YOU PASSED ON,  
AND TAUGHT ALL THOSE LOSERS A LESSON!


BUT TALKING WITH GHOSTS, YOUR HEAVENLY HOSTS,  
IT GIVES YOU SOME FEELING FOR SHAME  
YOUR ENEMIES GLOAT WHILE YOUR BODY COMPOSTS,  
AND HISTORY FOOTNOTES YOUR NAME

WITH VOICES LIKE FEATHERS THE SPIRITS WILL MEASURE,  
AND USHER YOUR SOUL TO ITS PLACE  
WHO CARES ABOUT WEATHER? TAKE SHELTER TOGETHER!  
IT'S NOT ABOUT WINNING A RACE!


THROUGH CALMS AND THROUGH STORMS, AND WAYS WE TRANSFORM,  
REMEMBER WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM!  
TAKE FRIENDS AND KEEP WARM, HOLD HANDS WHEN YOU MOURN!  
THE FINISHING LINE'S JUST A DREAM!

NOT BAD  
FER A FELLA  
WHAT AIN'T GOT  
NO RYTHM.





ALL WE CAN  
SAY AT THIS POINT  
IS THAT THERE WAS  
SOME KIND OF  
RIOT LAST  
NIGHT



NO  
ARRESTS HAVE  
BEEN MADE SO FAR  
NO ONE WHO'S SEEN  
ANYTHING HAS  
COME FORWARD  
YET

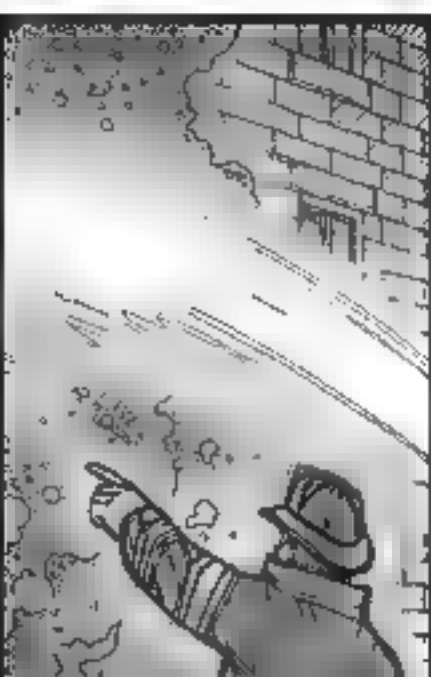


WE'RE  
GUESSING  
THIS WAS A  
RALLYING POINT  
SMALLER BANNERS  
HAVE POPPED UP  
ALL OVER  
TOWN

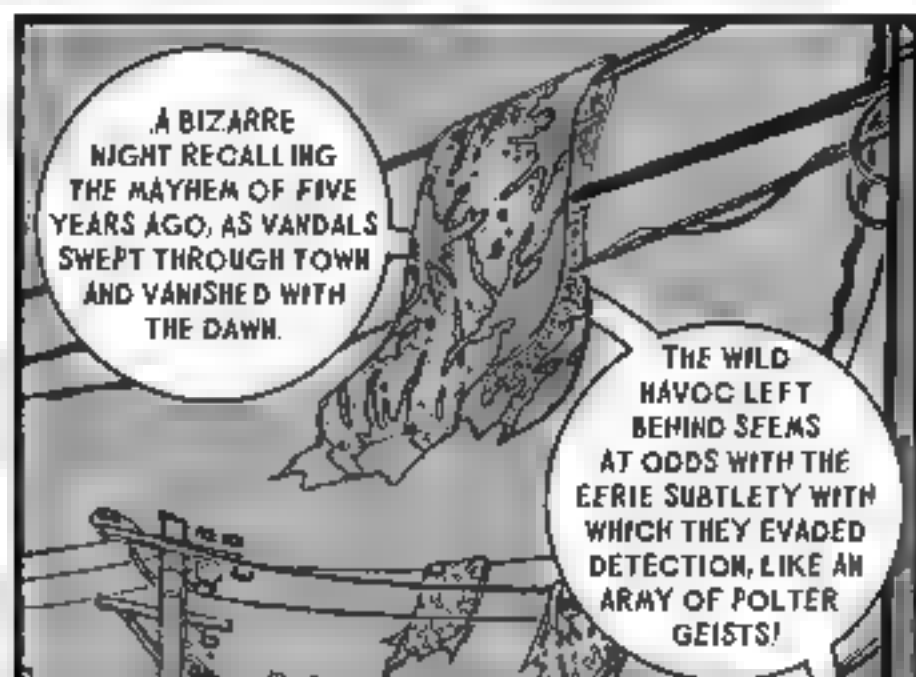
...YES,  
I'M SURE THE  
RED SPLATTERS  
ARE JUST  
PAINT



SURE,  
I'M UPSET  
ABOUT MY CAR.  
BUT DO YOU THINK  
THEY'LL LET ME KEEP  
THE TRAFFIC  
LIGHT?



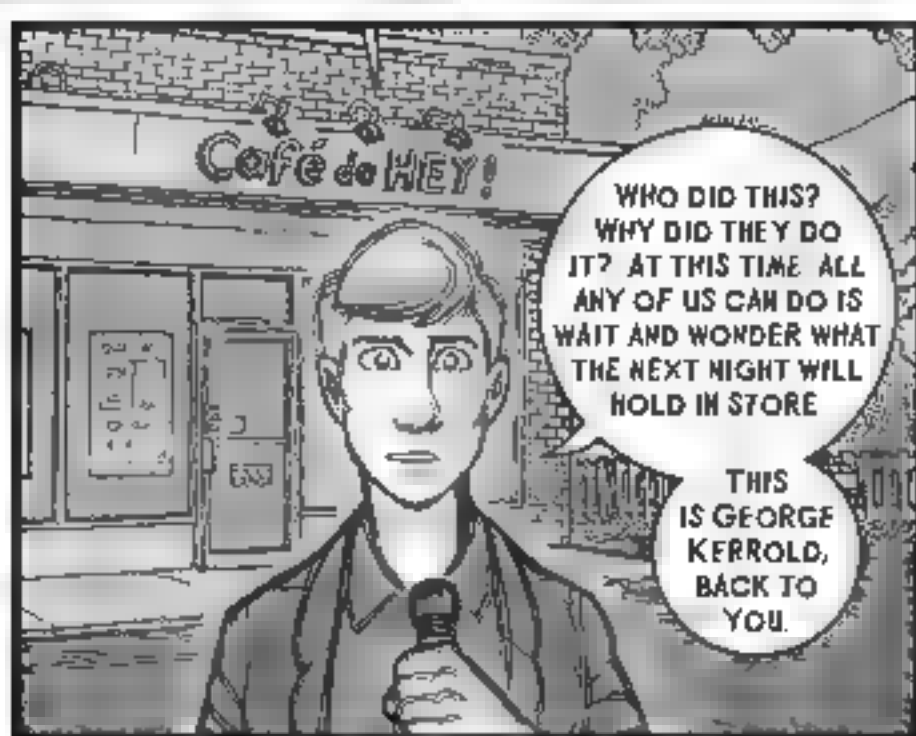
A BIZARRE  
NIGHT RECALLING  
THE MAYHEM OF FIVE  
YEARS AGO, AS VANDALS  
SWEEPED THROUGH TOWN  
AND VANISHED WITH  
THE DAWN.



THE WILD  
HAVOC LEFT  
BEHIND SEEMS  
AT ODDS WITH THE  
EERIE SUBTLETY WITH  
WHICH THEY EVADED  
DETECTION, LIKE AN  
ARMY OF POLTER  
GEISTS!



WASH AND RUSH



Café do HEY!

WHO DID THIS?  
WHY DID THEY DO  
IT? AT THIS TIME ALL  
ANY OF US CAN DO IS  
WAIT AND WONDER WHAT  
THE NEXT NIGHT WILL  
HOLD IN STORE

THIS  
IS GEORGE  
KERROLD,  
BACK TO  
YOU.



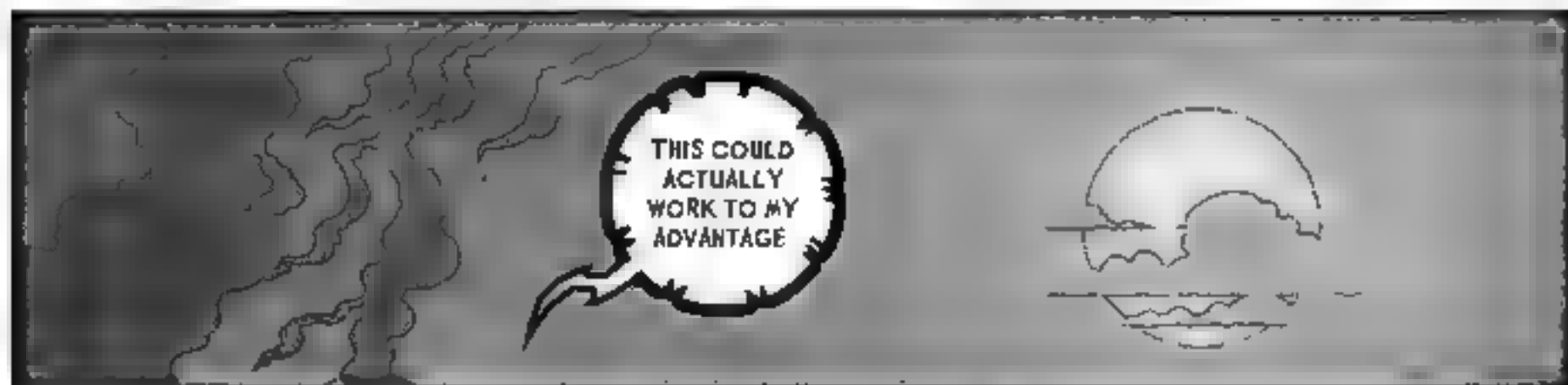
THANKS  
GEORGE.  
WE'LL HAVE MORE  
AS THE STORY  
UNFOLDS.

BOY,  
LET'S HOPE  
WE'VE SEEN  
THE WORST  
OF IT

NO ONE  
CAN SAY THAT  
MISCELLANEOUS  
ISN'T  
EXCITING!

IT'S AN  
EXCITING  
TOWN.

HA,  
EXCITING?



THIS COULD  
ACTUALLY  
WORK TO MY  
ADVANTAGE



WELL,  
SURE! LIVE  
TV RIGHT? IT'S  
YOUR WINDOW  
TO THE  
WORLD!



DON'T  
THINK THAT'S  
WHAT SHE MEANT  
WAS IT?  
MA'AM?



THANKS  
FOR THE SETUP,  
GUYS. NOW I'D LIKE  
TO ASK YOU TO KEEP  
ME INFORMED ON THE  
BLOOFER LADY'S PLANS.  
IF SHE HAS ANY  
WHICH I  
DOUBT

MIKE, ON  
THE OTHER HAND..  
IF SHE'S WILLING, I  
THINK BECKY SHOULD  
KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.  
MAYBE EVEN  
STRIKE UP A  
DIALOGUE



HE'S  
SMART. WON'T  
HE FIGURE  
OUT SHE'S  
SPYING?

KNOWING  
MIKE, HE'LL  
PROBABLY THINK  
THAT SHE HAS A  
CRUSH ON  
HIM.





HEH.  
ALRIGHT...  
HEY ARE YOU  
SURE YOU DON'T  
WANT A COMPUTER?  
MAYBE A  
PHONE?

BLOO COULD  
VISIT ANY TIME  
THE TV WAS HER IDEA.  
BUT SHE WON'T OVER-  
LOOK A LAPTOP  
OR BATTERY  
CHARGER.


DARYL  
TELL ROLAND  
TO KEEP THINGS IN  
ORDER AT THE HOUSE  
I'LL BE BACK SOON ANYWAY  
AND CHECK ON BORS, AND  
WALTER THE GHOUL. SEE  
HOW THE PLACID ONES  
ARE WEATHERING  
THIS MESS.



AND  
WHAT ABOUT  
ME, BOSS?  
WHAT SHOULD  
I DO??



WH- I



GET  
GOING, GUYS.  
I'VE GOT  
THIS.



UUHH...

DUDE,  
DON'T  
QUESTION  
THE DARK  
QUEEN.



RIGHT  
RIGHT! UH,  
WE'LL BE BACK!  
YOU JUST.

RELAX...



DISMISSING  
THE GRUNTS?  
AH, YOU MUST  
HAVE SOME SECRET  
MISSION IN MIND  
FOR YOUR BEST  
BETTY!

SHALL I  
SILENCE A  
SABOTEUR?  
ASSASSINATE AN  
ANARCHIST?  
MESMERIZE A  
MANCHURIAN?


YOU CAN  
GET OFF OF ME  
I SEE NO REASON  
TO TRUST ANOTHER  
LOONY TWIT WITH  
MY AFFAIRS.



THIS  
DEBACLE  
STARTED BECAUSE  
I LET A WHACK JOB  
GET TOO CLOSE.  
YOU'RE AS CRAZY  
AS HER.

BLOO?  
UNTRUE! SHE  
HAS A LOOSE SCREW  
BUT A POOK HAS NO SCREWS  
TO WIND THROUGH OR UNDO!  
I WOULDN'T SCREW YOU,  
OH QUEEN OF THE ZOO  
I'VE GIVEN MY WORD. NOW  
I'M PART OF YOUR  
CREW!

BY  
THE BY  
EMILY SAYS "HI"  
THE GIRL FROM THE  
ALLEY WHO LOOKED  
TO THE  
SKY!



THE  
GIRL FROM...  
DID YOU HURT  
HER?

I'M HERE TO  
HELP NOT TO  
HURT! UNLESS  
THE ONE MERITS  
THE OTHER

MAY I  
WIN THIS WAR?  
SAY THE WORD, AND  
SEE YOUR ENEMIES  
LIMBLESS AND  
LAID AT YOUR  
HOOVES!

AND THEN  
THEY'D FEAR YOU  
INSTEAD OF ME.  
I DON'T NEED AN  
ATTACK DOG. BETTY  
WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY  
COMES I'LL FINISH  
THIS MYSELF



THERE  
MUST BE  
SOMETHING I  
CAN... I  
KNOW!

I CAN  
DANCE!

"DANCE"



FOR YOUR  
PLEASURE!

WHY  
YOU'LL TOSS  
YOUR TELEVISION  
TO THE GHOSTS FOR  
DISTRACTING YOU  
FROM THE SIGHT  
OF ME



UCH.  
I DON'T..  
I'M NOT..







JACK?



ME?



YOU'RE ALWAYS WITH ME  
IT'D BE WEIRDER WITHOUT YOU.



JUST EXPANDING MY AWARENESS!  
PREPPING FOR THE RENDEZVOUS  
FEELING THE TOWN.

IT'S WEIRD BEING BACK AGAIN  
WITH CRYSTAL AND WALLY AND SAM, AND ..



AM I SEXY?



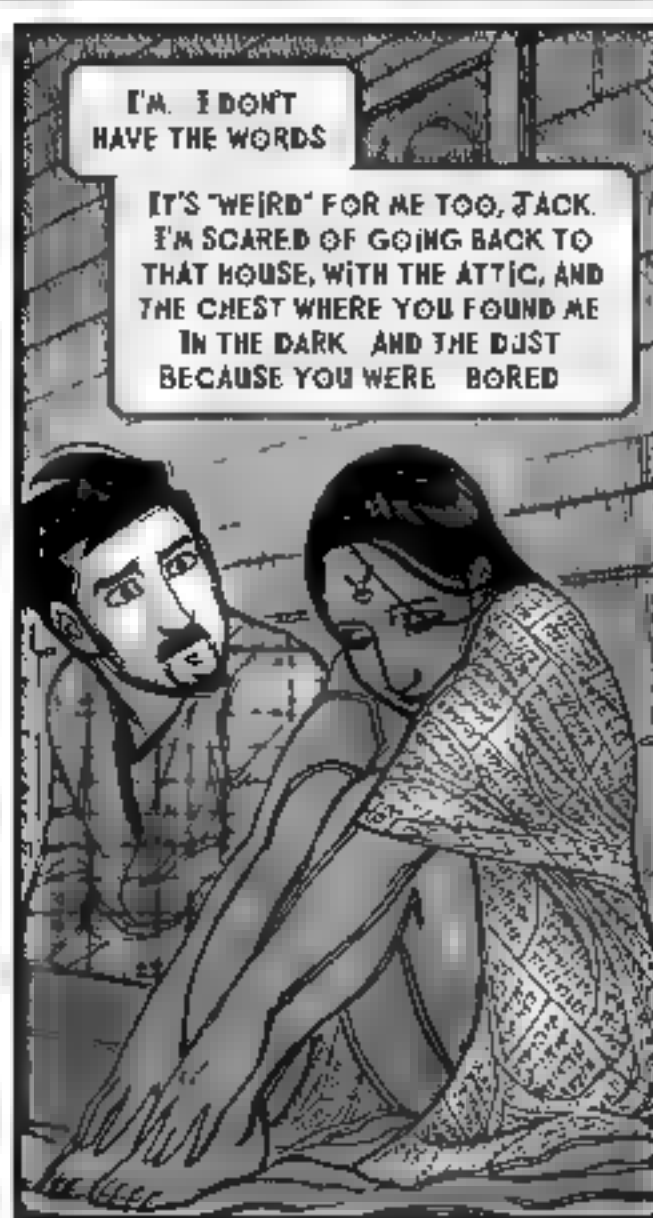
HUH?

YEAH!  
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!  
YOU KNOW THAT

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.  
I NEED YOU TO TELL ME EVERY THING, OR IT'S NOT REAL.



HEY  
TALK TO ME  
WHAT ARE YOU FEELING?



I'M. I DON'T HAVE THE WORDS

IT'S 'WEIRD' FOR ME TOO, JACK.  
I'M SCARED OF GOING BACK TO THAT HOUSE, WITH THE ATTIC, AND THE CHEST WHERE YOU FOUND ME  
IN THE DARK AND THE DUST BECAUSE YOU WERE BORED

TOMIE..

I DIDN'T MIND IT ALL WHEN I WAS JUST A... THING. NOW I'M FILLED WITH FEAR AND DESIRE AND CONFUSION. WITHOUT YOU I THINK I'D FLY APART LIKE PAGES SCATTERED TO THE WIND

HEY, I NEED YOU! YOU SAVED ME, REMEMBER? THE PARASITE? THE NIGHT SANDRA WENT NUTS?

THE FIRST TIME WE TOUCHED. YOU SENSED THE DANGER. SENT YOUR SPIRIT UP A MAGIC SURGE AND BLEW MY MIND! BLEW UP THE BUG, TOO!

YOU WERE LIKE AN ANGEL, JUST WARM LIGHT SEXY LIGHT! AND I WAS LOST AT SEA. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU.

I DIDN'T KNOW MYSELF IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER MANAGED TO REACH BEYOND MY BINDINGS. I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY A DREAM UNTIL YOU CORROBORATED THE EXPERIENCE

JACK, ARE WE GOING TO LEAVE MISCELLANEOUS AGAIN? AFTER THIS TROUBLE IS RESOLVED?

HOO. Y'KNOW, I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT.. MAGICGASMS HAVEN'T BEEN A PROBLEM FOR A WHILE. MAYBE WE'VE MADE ENOUGH NEW WIZARDS. WE COULD STICK AROUND. TEACH A FEW LOCALS...

DO YOU WANT TO STAY?

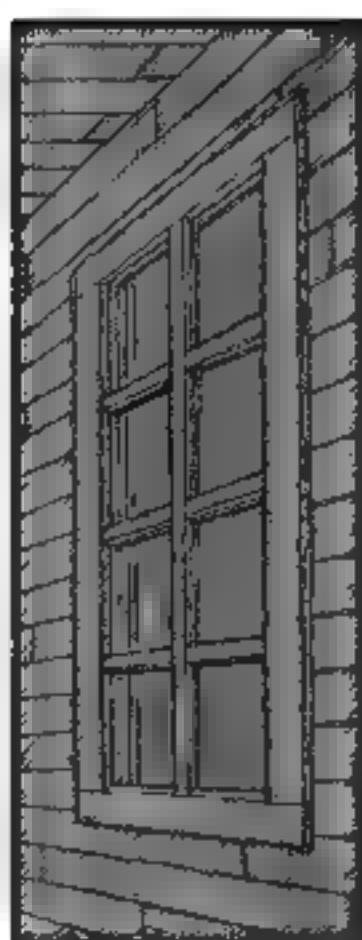
THAT DECISION IS TOO BIG FOR ME

SIZE IS RELATIVE EVEN THE SIZE OF OUR CHOICES! HALF THE PEOPLE WE PUT ON THE PATH OWE IT TO YOU PICKING A SPOT ON A MAP

JACK, WHEN WE GO TO THE HOUSE, PROMISE YOU WON'T LOSE ME. SAY YOU WON'T GIVE ME BACK UP TO THE DARK.

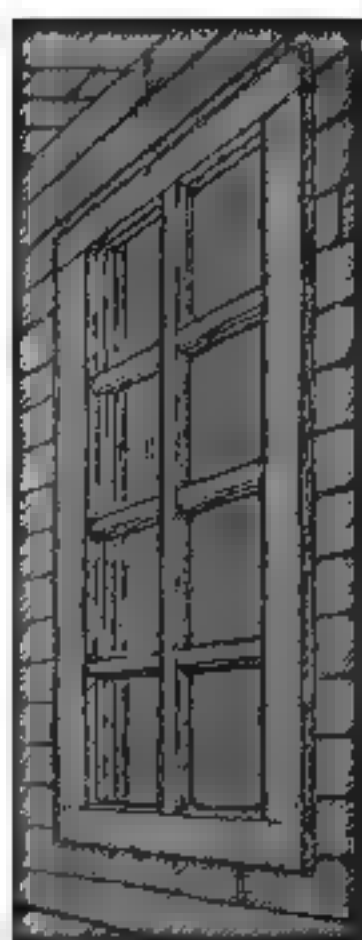
YOU HAVE MY WORD.

YOUR WORDS ARE THE ONLY ONES I NEED.



Miss you so much.. Next time I have an adventure we'll go together Somewhere fun. Theme park? Pretend we're mascots mess with the kids.

Currently in a haunted house meeting Crystal and Wally soon Love you Mary And no worries We're safe for now



UH OH.

BAD FEELING.



HSSST!

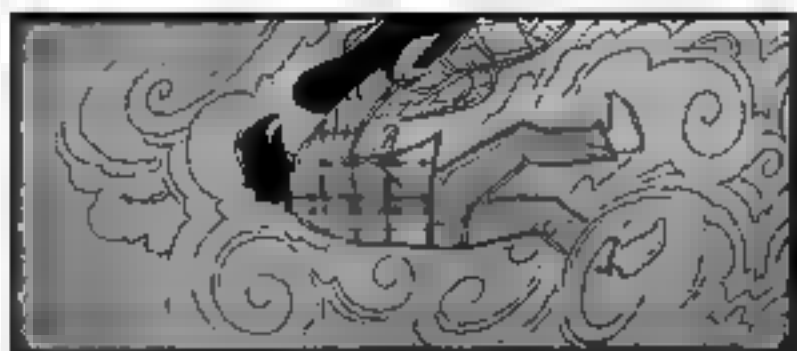
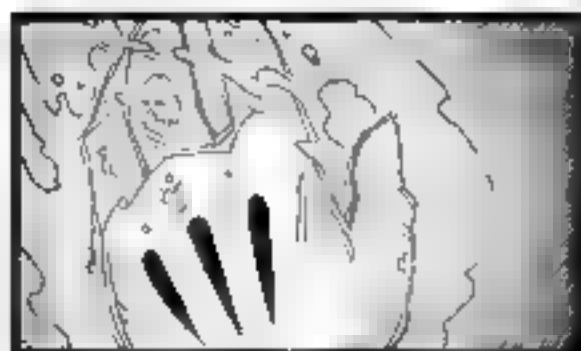
WOAH! OKAY TROUBLE! TROUBLE!!



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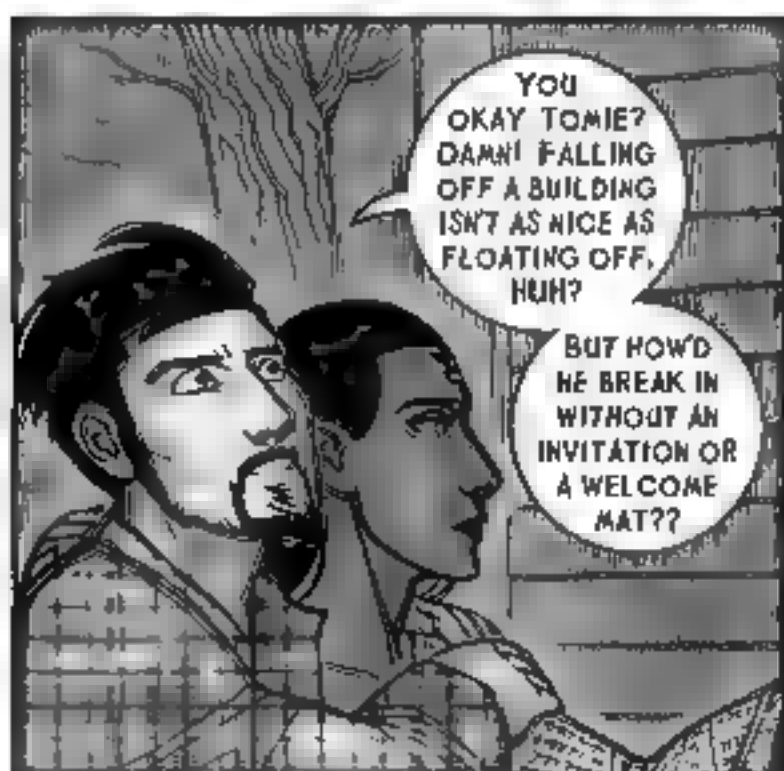






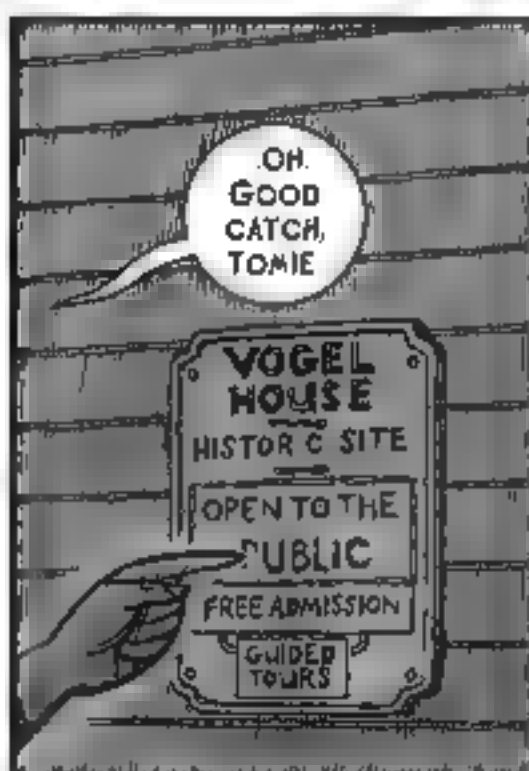


HEY...  
THANKS MRS.  
VOGEL!



YOU  
OKAY TOMIE?  
DAMN! FALLING  
OFF A BUILDING  
ISN'T AS NICE AS  
FLOATING OFF,  
HUH?

BUT HOW'D  
HE BREAK IN  
WITHOUT AN  
INVITATION OR  
A WELCOME  
MAT??

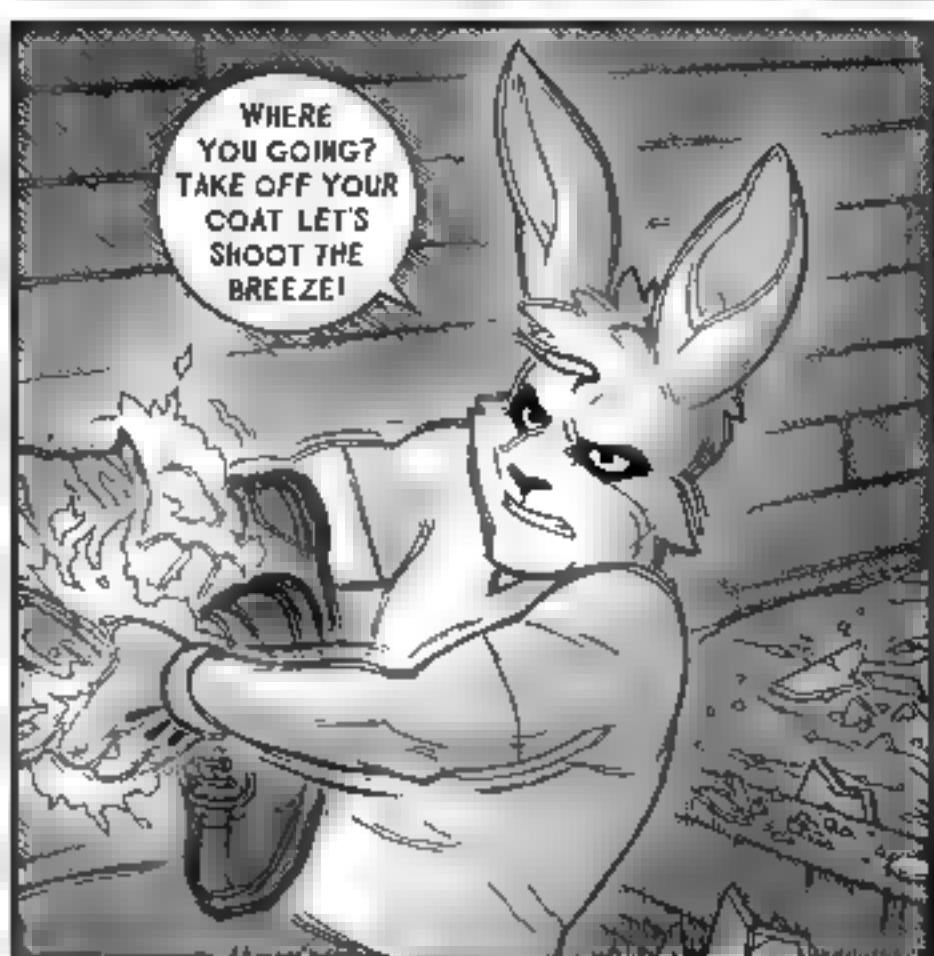


OH.  
GOOD  
CATCH,  
TOMIE

VOGEL  
HOUSE  
HISTORIC SITE  
OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC  
FREE ADMISSION  
GUIDED TOURS



AAAHH!!



WHERE  
YOU GOING?  
TAKE OFF YOUR  
COAT LET'S  
SHOOT THE  
BREEZE!



AAHH!  
MERHSSSY!  
RABBIT,  
MERHSSY!!



"RABBIT?"  
SAM?

THE  
HELL IS HE  
DOING TO  
THAT POOR  
VAMPIRE?





TALK  
TO ME!  
TELL ME WHERE  
SANDRA IS!  
OR ZANDRA,  
WHATEVER!



IN CHAINS!  
IN CHAINSSS,  
MANY MAGIC CHAINS!  
HHHHH! I DON'T KNOW  
WHERE, BUT OTHERS DO!  
B-BUH, BECKY JERRY  
DARYL! THEY KNOW,  
I CAN SAY NO  
MORE!

NO  
MORE!!



UHHF!

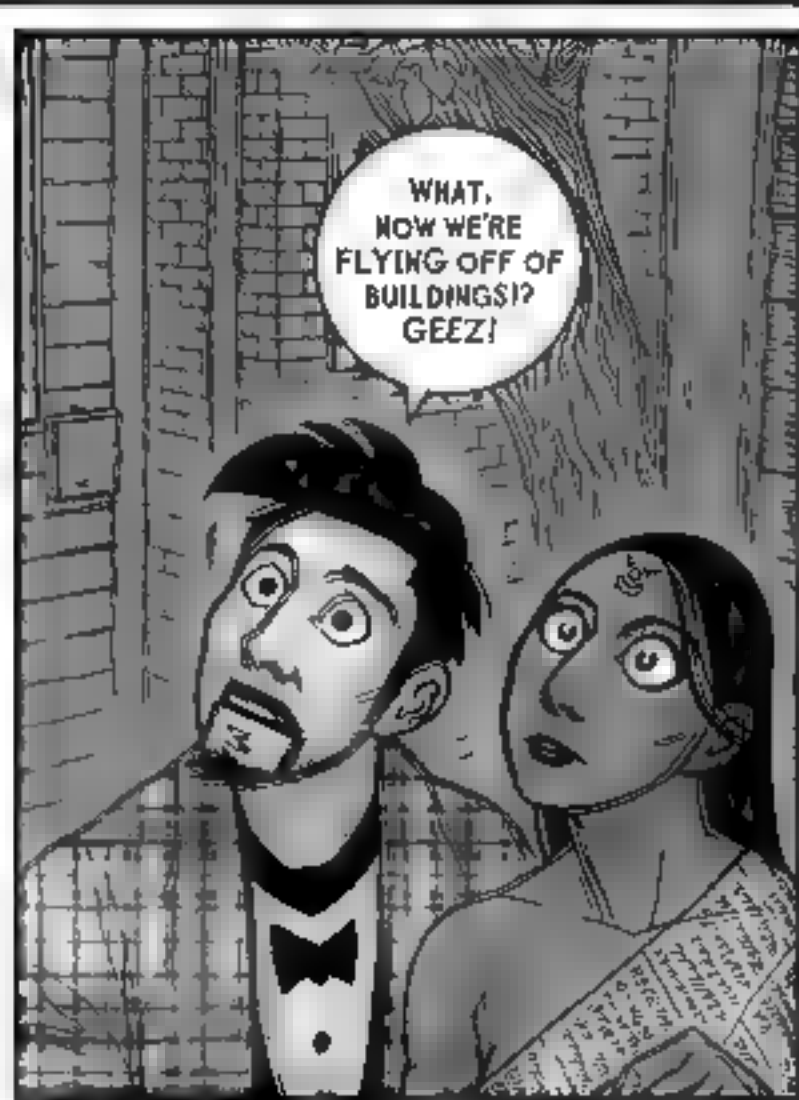


RGGI  
BRUISED  
MY RIBS,  
YOU I

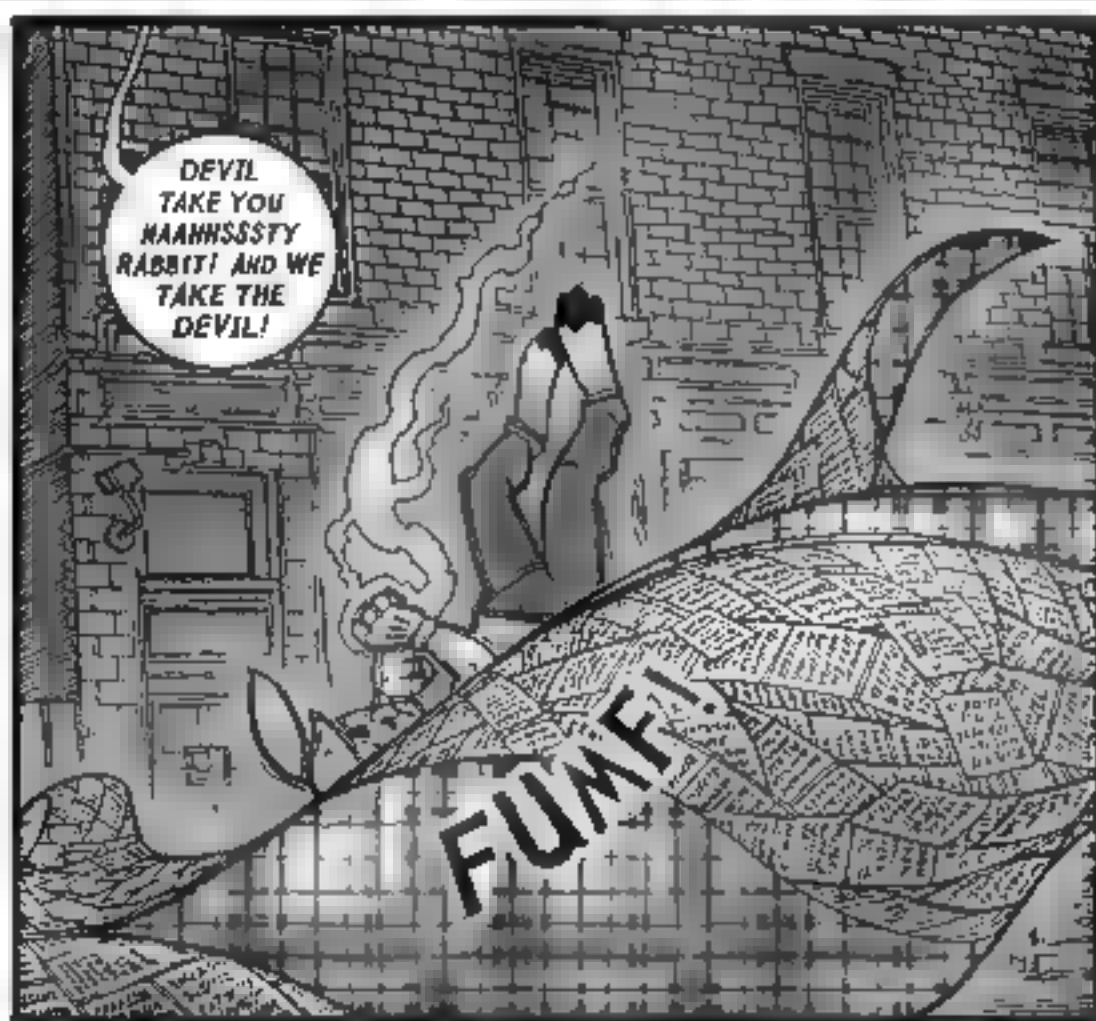
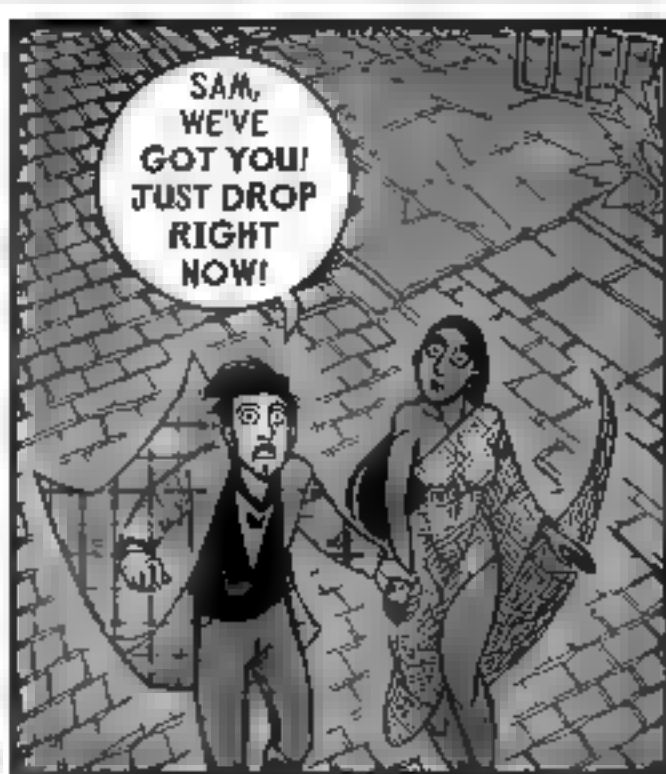
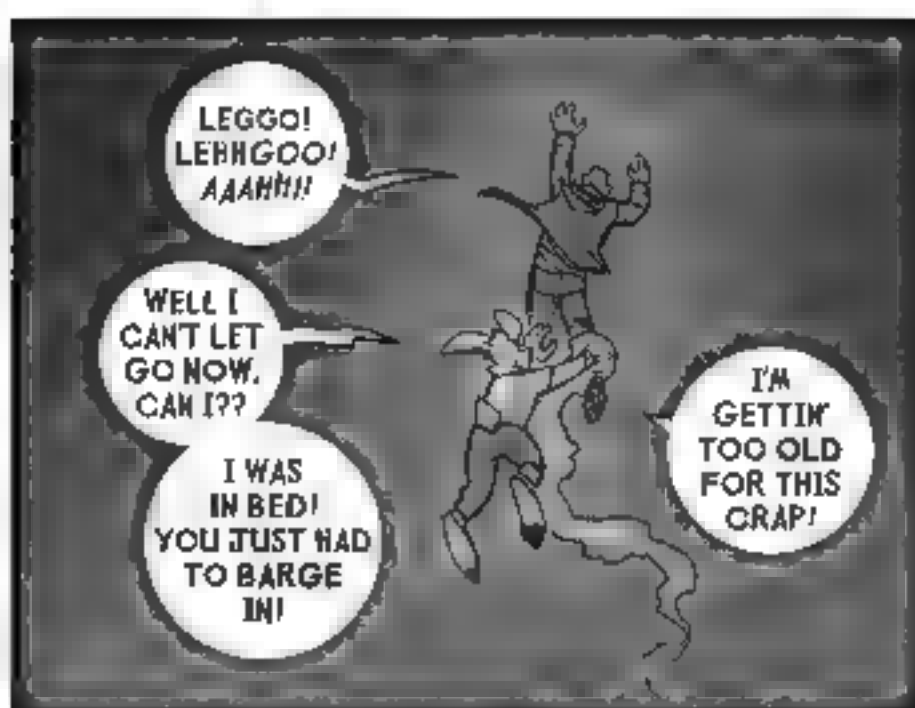


YOU...  
...UH...  
HUH.

WELL  
THIS IS  
ANOTHER  
FINE  
MESS



WHAT,  
NOW WE'RE  
FLYING OFF OF  
BUILDINGS!?  
GEEZ!





OOF GUY  
REALLY GOT  
HIS LICKS IN.  
THANKS FOR THE  
SAVE, YOU  
TWO!

HEY,  
WE'RE NOT  
LETTING YOU  
FLIT AWAY WITH  
OUT A WORD  
AGAIN!



"AGAIN?"  
I LEFT A  
NOTE IN THE  
CAR LAST  
TIME

CHICKEN  
SCRATCH,  
MAN. YOUR  
HANDWRITING'S  
TERRIBLE



ENH,  
THE PENS OF  
YOUR WORLD  
ARE TOO PUNY  
FOR MY GIANT  
POWERFUL  
FINGERS

SPEAKING  
OF WHICH,  
YOU SEE  
THAT?



RIGHT,  
SYMBOLS OF  
HOLY REVERENCE  
BURN VAMPIRES!  
GUESS YOU'VE  
GOT FAITH, HUH  
SAM?

I DUNNO  
BUT I LOVED MY  
FATHER RESPECTED  
HIS CONVICTION...  
PARENTS ARE LIKE  
GOD TO THEIR KIDS  
CLOSE  
ENOUGH?



AW,  
THAT'S SWEET  
WHAT ARE WE  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



CRYS--!!  
WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING  
HERE??

COMING  
TO MEET  
YOU GUYS!  
WASN'T THAT  
THE PLAN?



WE WERE  
GOING TO MEET  
YOU IN THE  
MORNING! AT THE  
SYNAGOGUE!

OH,  
YOU WERE  
SERIOUS?

WHY  
WOULDN'T  
I BE??







I'M.. I'M WEARING SPIKES NOW

YOU CAN'T HURT ME



I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU,



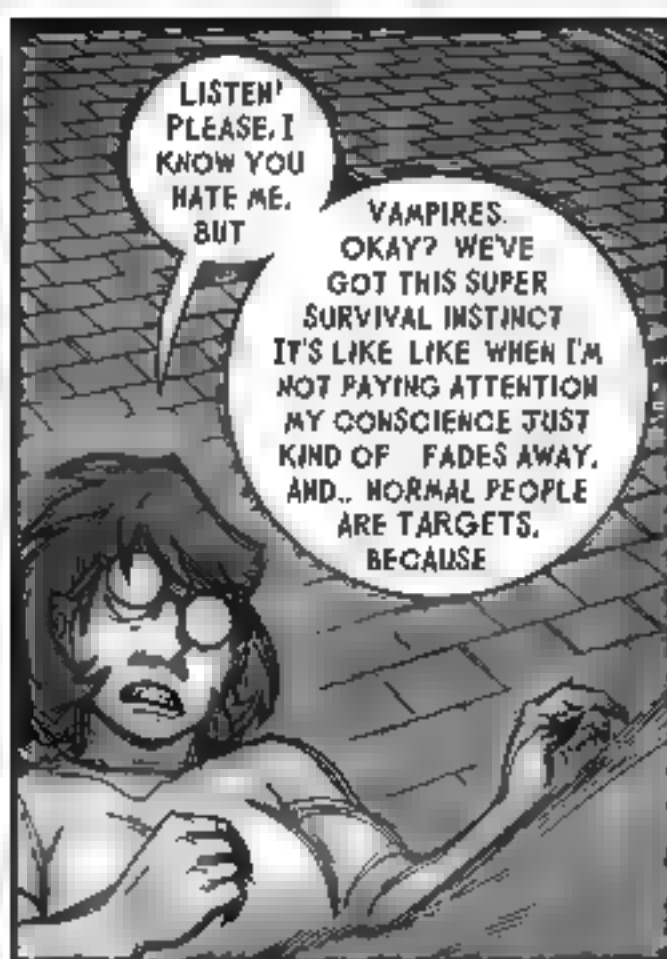
YOU THREW HER OFF A ROOF!!



NO! UH, ACTUALLY WE WEREN'T ON THE ROOF WE WERE HOVERING OVER IT

SHE'S RIGHT WALLY

DOES THAT MATTER??



LISTEN! PLEASE, I KNOW YOU HATE ME, BUT

VAMPIRES. OKAY? WE'VE GOT THIS SUPER SURVIVAL INSTINCT IT'S LIKE LIKE WHEN I'M NOT PAYING ATTENTION MY CONSCIENCE JUST KIND OF FADES AWAY, AND.. NORMAL PEOPLE ARE TARGETS, BECAUSE



I JUST.. FORGET HOW NOT TO BE EVIL

I'M SORRY



WELL UH, WELL!

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN.



HONEY, TELL ME WE'RE NOT LETTING HER OFF THE HOOK WITH THAT

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HER, WALLY?

I COULD GET MY NAIL GUN ..



YOU SHOULD HEAR ME OUT

ZANDRA NEVER TOLD US TO ATTACK YOU. WE WERE MISLED



THE  
BLOOFER  
LADY FED  
US LIES!

WHAT?

WHO?

WHY?



TO START  
A FIGHT! SHE  
WANTED YOU TO  
FIGHT ZANDRA,  
OR ZANDRA TO  
FIGHT US!

BLOO'S AN  
ANARCHIST  
SHE HATES THAT  
ZANDRA'S BEEN  
GETTING US  
ORGANIZED!



HEY  
YOU'RE  
BECKY RIGHT?  
WE MET AT THE  
HOUSE

YEAH.



SO  
SHE DIDNT  
SEND THOSE  
VAMPIRES! HOO,  
GUYS. WE JUST  
MIGHT HAVE MIS-  
JUDGED

NO!!



NO, NO!  
I SEE WHERE  
THIS IS GOING,  
AND NO! WE  
DIDNT MIS-  
JUDGE HER!

SHE,  
SHE HUFF,  
SHE'S STILL A JERK,  
AND I'M NOT GOING TO  
CHANGE MY MIND AFTER  
I JUST CHANGED  
MY MIND ABOUT  
HER!!



LEMMIE  
ASK, WHAT'S  
SHE ORGANIZING  
YOU ALL FOR??  
THE 'REIGN OF  
TERROR?' SAM  
HEARD YOU  
TALKING.

OH,  
MAYBE. I  
DONT REALLY  
KNOW THE  
DETAILS!




SEE?  
NOTHING'S  
CHANGED!  
SHE'S STILL THE  
BAD GUY  
HERE RIGHT  
WALLY?

UHM..  
RIGHT







SAM'S RIGHT  
YOU'RE RIGHT SAM!  
WE OWE IT TO THE  
PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN  
TO DO OUR PART AND A  
LOT OF THE PEOPLE IN  
TOWN ARE MONSTERS  
NOW ZANDRA  
CAN WAIT!

JACK!  
WHAT DO WE  
DO ABOUT  
THE BOSS  
VAMPIRES?



TOMIE  
HAS TEXT  
REGARDING  
THE UNDEAD  
THAT I CAN  
REVIEW....

ANYHOW,  
MY NAIL GUN  
AND SPUR OF THE  
MOMENT SPELLS  
HAVE WORKED  
SO FAR




WHATEVER  
WE DO, LET'S  
DO IT SOON!  
WE'VE BEEN MOVING  
TOO SLOW, GIVING  
THEM TIME TO  
PLAN AROUND  
US!



OKAY!  
WE GET OUR  
STUFF TOGETHER,  
IMPROVISE A STRATEGY  
POSSIBLY GET SOMETHING  
TO EAT. CRYSTAL!  
REMEMBER THAT PIZZA  
PLACE WE USED TO  
LIKE?


IT'S NOT  
FAR! WALLY  
SHRINK DOWN.  
WE'RE GETTING  
DINNER.



YOU  
DON'T THINK  
THEY'LL MIND  
HIS, UM,  
OUTFIT?



OH DON'T  
WORRY, HIS  
PANTS WILL COME  
BACK REMEMBER,  
I KNOW A LITTLE  
MAGIC TOO! I PUT  
IT IN ALL MY  
CLOTHES



REALLY?  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW YOU  
KEPT UP  
WITH THAT!


TOMIE  
TAUGHT ME A  
THING OR TWO  
DURING OUR  
GIRL TIMES!



HEY,  
WHAT DO  
YOU WANT  
TO EAT,  
TOMIE?

SHE SAYS  
MOZZARELLA  
STICKS. ME,  
I'M THINKING  
LASAGNA.

I'M GONNA  
NEED A LOT  
OF CHICKEN,  
BEING THAT BIG  
MAKES ME  
HUNGRY



UH, ALSO, THAT  
VAMPIRE BIT ME  
I'M NOT GONNA TURN  
INTO A VAMPIRE AM I?  
I'M ALREADY A  
WEREWOLF...

DIBS

YOU HEAR THEM, MAN?  
SCRATCHING AND WHINING, ALL OUR  
PUPPIES STRAININ'  
AT THE LEASH.

YOU  
AND ME MAN.  
WE'VE GOT  
EM BY THE  
THROAT

WE'RE THE  
WITCH OF THE  
SOUTH. ALL THE  
MUNCHKINS JUST  
WAITIN' FOR  
US TO START  
SINGING!

COME  
OUT COME  
OUT WHERE-  
EVER YOU  
ARE!

GOODBYE,  
YELLOW  
BRICK  
ROAD.

AND ALL THE  
KIDS OF KANSAS,  
THE HUMAN RACE TO NO-  
WHERE THEY'RE WATCHIN'  
THE SKIES, FEELIN' THE  
TWISTER ON THE WIND,  
SCRAMBLING FOR  
THE CELLAR!

THEY  
DONT KNOW  
THEY'RE ALL  
DOROTHY, ALL  
GOING OVER THE  
RAINBOW LIKE  
IT OR HOT

DO YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
IT MEANS TO  
MEAN SOME-  
THING?

THAT'S ALL  
WE WANTED, MIKE  
ALL THE MUSIC ALL  
THE TALK ABOUT CHANGING  
THE WORLD. ALL THE DRUGS..  
WE JUST WANTED TO FEEL  
LIKE WE MATTERED LIKE  
WE WERENT REALLY JUST  
DUMB KIDS EMBARRASSING  
OURSELVES I SEE  
THAT NOW

AND IT'S  
FINALLY TRUE  
HERE I AM, THE  
LAST TRUE CHILD  
OF MY GENERATION'S  
CELEBRATION, AND I  
FINALLY CAUGHT  
THE DREAM.

I'M ON  
TOP OF THE  
WORLD, LOOKIN'  
DOWN ON  
CREATION!

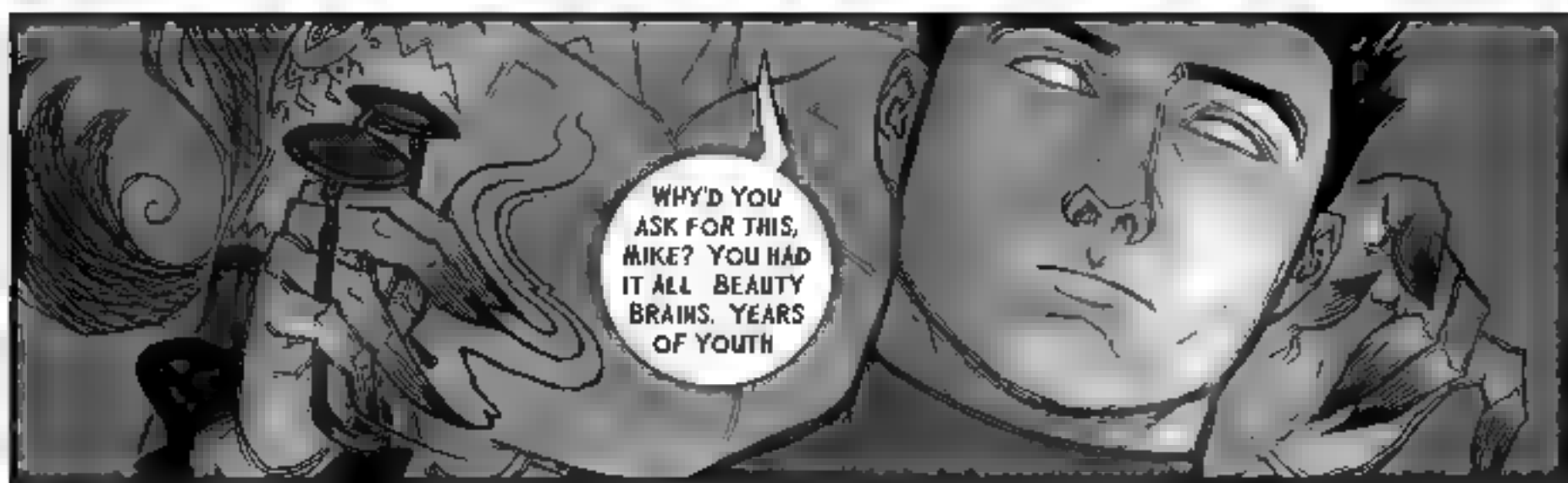
MY  
CREATION.  
OUR  
CREATION.

AAAAAA

YOU  
CANT TRULY  
LIVE A DREAM  
UNTIL YOU  
DIE WITH  
IT TOO

SURE







GETTIN' HIGH GET IT? 'CAUSE WE'RE REALLY UP HIGH! HA HA! WOAH HEY YOU CLEANED UP!

I BROKE INTO A CLOTHES STORE ON THE WAY OVER. DO YOU LIKE IT, MIKE?

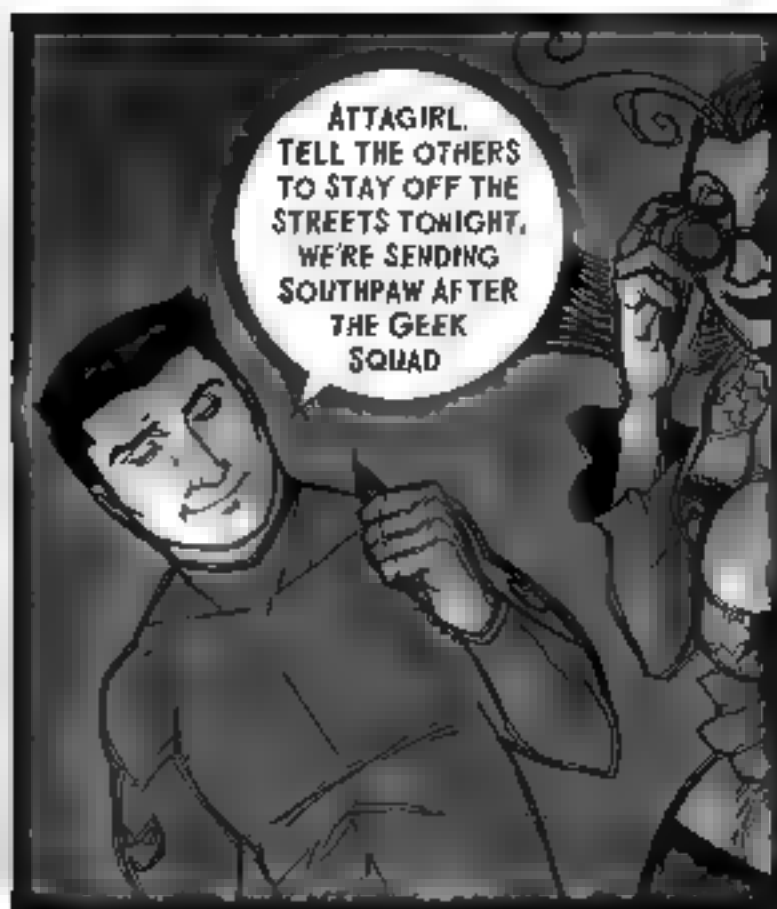
YEAH.. YOU LOOK GOOD, BECKY

REBECCA

OH?



I THOUGHT IT WAS TIME I PULLED MYSELF TOGETHER! YOU NEED ME TO BE A GOOD MINION, RIGHT? WELL THIS IS ME AT MY BEST, READY TO SERVE!

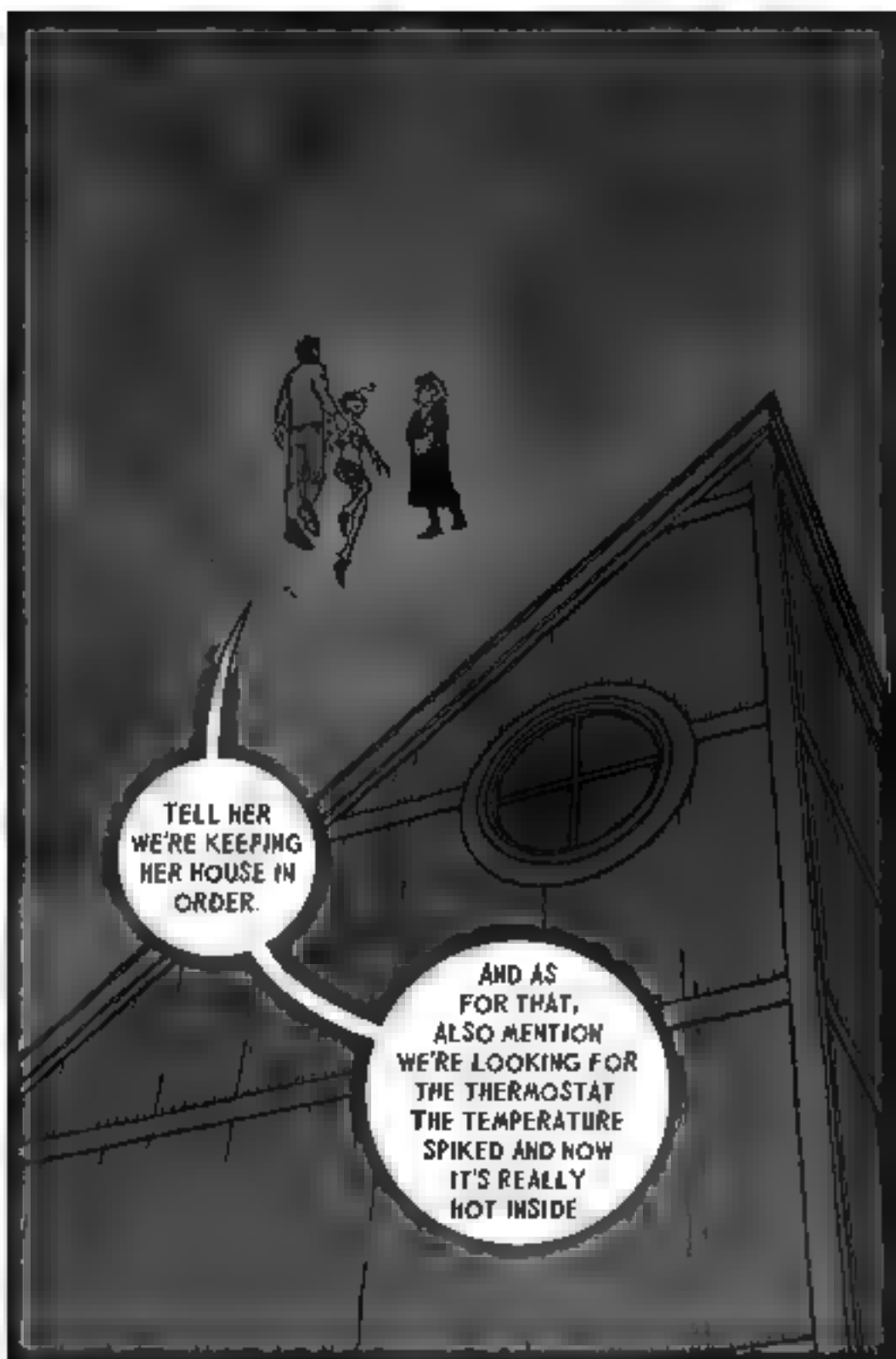


ATTAGIRL. TELL THE OTHERS TO STAY OFF THE STREETS TONIGHT, WE'RE SENDING SOUTHPAW AFTER THE GEEK SQUAD



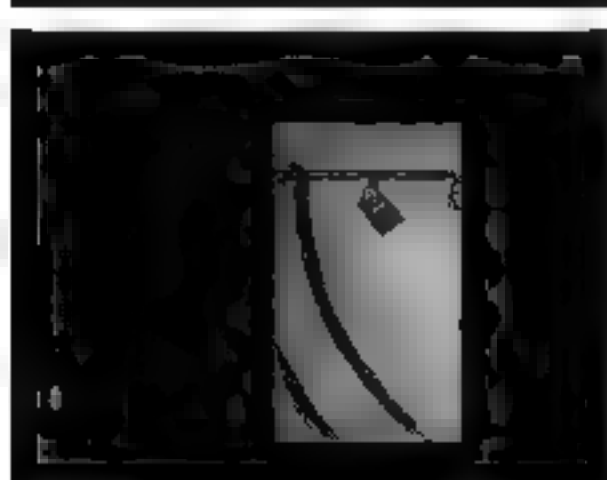
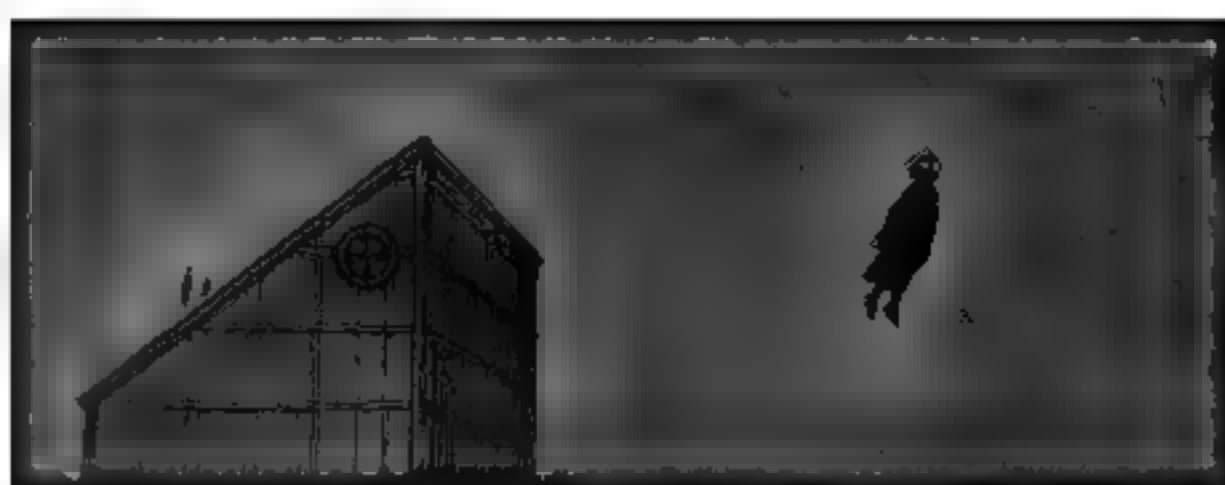
OOH. WOW, THAT'S... TOO BAD THE RABBIT GUY WAS KIND OF CUTE ON WELL

HOW ABOUT ZANDRA? ANY MESSAGES YOU'D LIKE ME TO PASS ON?



TELL HER WE'RE KEEPING HER HOUSE IN ORDER.

AND AS FOR THAT, ALSO MENTION WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE THERMOSTAT THE TEMPERATURE SPIKED AND NOW IT'S REALLY HOT INSIDE







WAIT  
HOW'D YOU  
KNOW TO  
CALL ME  
REBECCA?

YOU  
LOOK LIKE  
'REBECCA' NOW.  
I'VE BEEN  
THINKING A LOT  
ABOUT NAMES  
LATELY..



COOL!  
COOL AM I.  
INTERRUPTING  
SOMETHING?



YESSSS.

IGNORE  
HER REBECCA,  
I ALWAYS HAVE A  
MANIAC OR A RABBIT  
OR BOTH BY MY SIDE  
SO WHAT'S  
UP?



I TALKED  
TO YOUR  
FRIENDS,  
JUST LIKE  
YOU SAID

BUT MIKE  
AND BLOO  
ARE SENDING  
SOUTHPAW  
AFTER THEM!



THEN.  
IT'S ALMOST  
TIME FOR ME  
TO GET FREE  
IF ONLY THINGS  
WORK OUT LIKE  
I HOPE

ANYTHING  
ELSE TO  
REPORT?

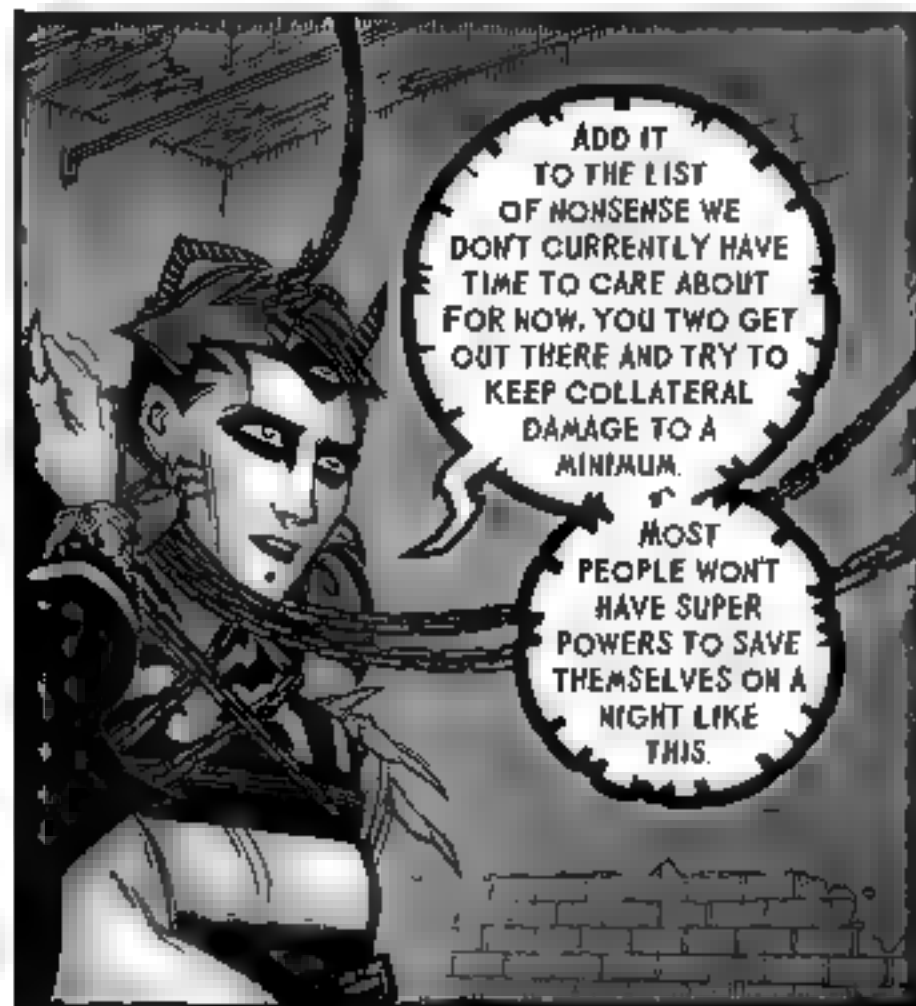


UH. I  
DONT KNOW  
IF THIS IS  
IMPORTANT?  
BUT ..

I COULD  
SWEAR THAT  
BLOO'S BOOBS  
ARE GETTING  
BIGGER.



HUM YEAH.  
ACTUALLY,  
THAT SEEMS  
TO BE GOING  
AROUND



ADD IT  
TO THE LIST  
OF NONSENSE WE  
DONT CURRENTLY HAVE  
TIME TO CARE ABOUT  
FOR NOW. YOU TWO GET  
OUT THERE AND TRY TO  
KEEP COLLATERAL  
DAMAGE TO A  
MINIMUM.

MOST  
PEOPLE WONT  
HAVE SUPER  
POWERS TO SAVE  
THEMSELVES ON A  
NIGHT LIKE  
THIS.

CRACKK!

SIR!  
WHAT'S THE  
TROUBLE?

OH,  
THANK  
GOD YOU  
CAME!

OFFICER!

OFFICER,  
HELP!  
POLICE!!

I GUESS  
YOU GUYS ARE OUT  
IN FORCE TONIGHT. HUM?  
LOOKIN' FOR THE RIOTERS?  
EVEN IN THE RAIN! THOUGH  
IT STOPPED RAINING. HEH...  
I, UM, I SAW YOU BY THE  
WOODS.

I'M  
SORRY?

EARLIER  
TALKING WITH  
THE HUNK AND THE  
SPIKY GIRL  
YOU DIDN'T  
SEE ME.

SIR IS  
THERE A  
REASON YOU  
CALLED FOR  
HELP?

OH,  
YEAH!  
THERE'S A  
PROBLEM.

YOU'RE  
NOT A  
VAMPIRE  
YET

BLAM!







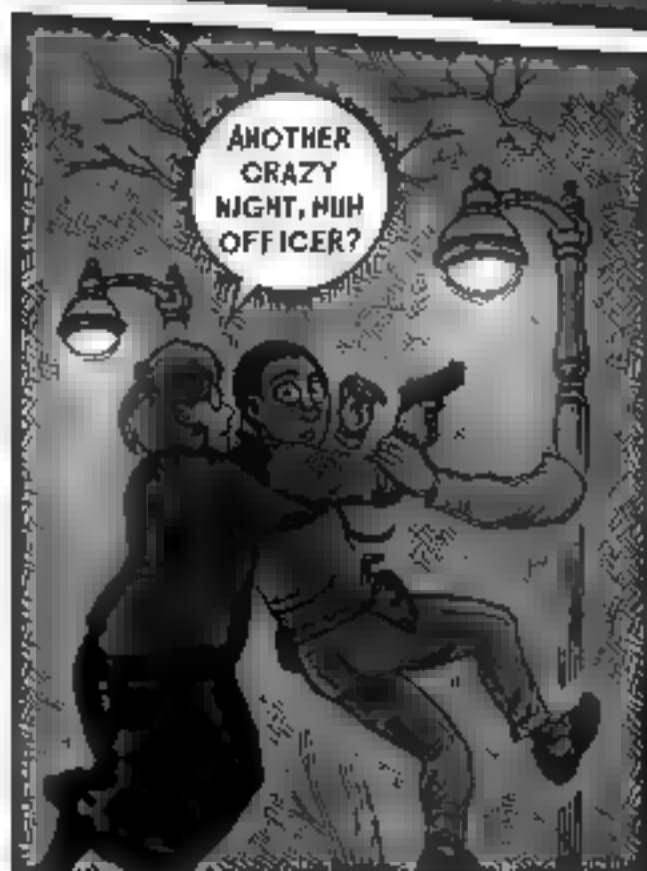
YOU  
ARE ALL  
UNDER ARREST!  
ALL OF YOU!  
RIGHT  
NOW!

LOOK,  
I'M HAVING A  
HARD TIME HERE.  
EVERYONE'S ON MY  
CASE, AND IF YOU CAN'T  
OFFER SUPPORT  
THEN YOU CAN  
JUST GO.

HAHAHAHA  
HA HA HA  
AH NAN HAH!



WAIT--!



ANOTHER  
CRAZY  
NIGHT, HUH  
OFFICER?



I JUST  
WANTED  
ONE PERSON  
COULDN'T I  
HAVE ONE?



SHE'S A  
PUBLIC SERVANT  
YOU FIEND! SHE  
BELONGS TO  
EVERYONE!

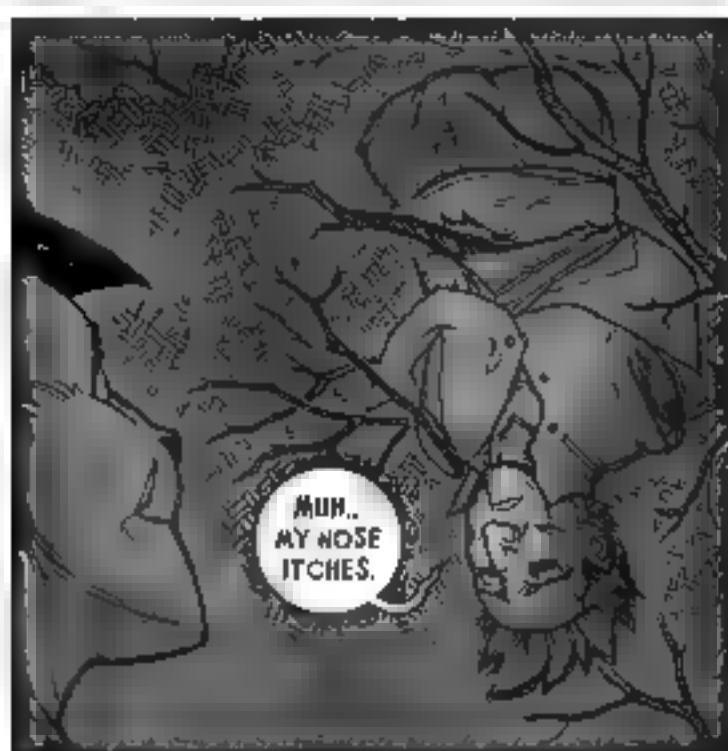


SO  
HANDS  
OFF!

HEH.




WHO  
ARE YOU?  
WHAT IS THAT?  
WHAT DO  
YOU ALL  
WANT?





I CAN STILL SMELL THAT CHICKEN. CAUSE THERE ARE BITS OF IT IN MY BEARD!



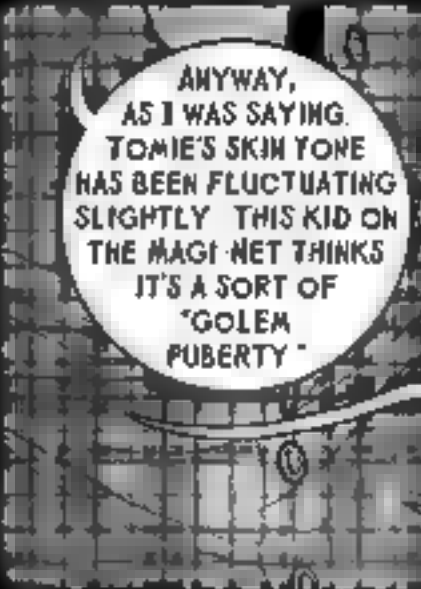
WANT SOME?

GIGGLE! OH WALLY

THAT REMINDS ME. WE SHOULD SHARPEN OUR SOUL SMELLING WE COULD TRACK ZANDRA DOWN IF OUR SENSES WERE BETTER!

THIS TOWN'S A MYSTIC MIASMA! BUT DAMN, THAT LASAGNA WAS TASTY

TASTY... HASTY... GEORGE AND GRACIE...



ANYWAY, AS I WAS SAYING, TOMIE'S SKIN TONE HAS BEEN FLUCTUATING SLIGHTLY. THIS KID ON THE MAGI-NET THINKS IT'S A SORT OF "GOLEM PUBERTY."

YOU OKAY, HONEY?

MMF MY BRA FEELS TIGHT AGAIN.

AGAIN... AKIN... SIM IN THE DEN OF MICE AND OF MEN...



HEY THE NIGHT'S GETTING OLD AND IT'S STORMY OUT HERE WE NEED UMBRELLAS! COME ON, LET'S HEAD BACK TO VOGEL HOUSE AND REGROUP

HOUSE SPOUSE... FEEL LIKE A LOUSE...



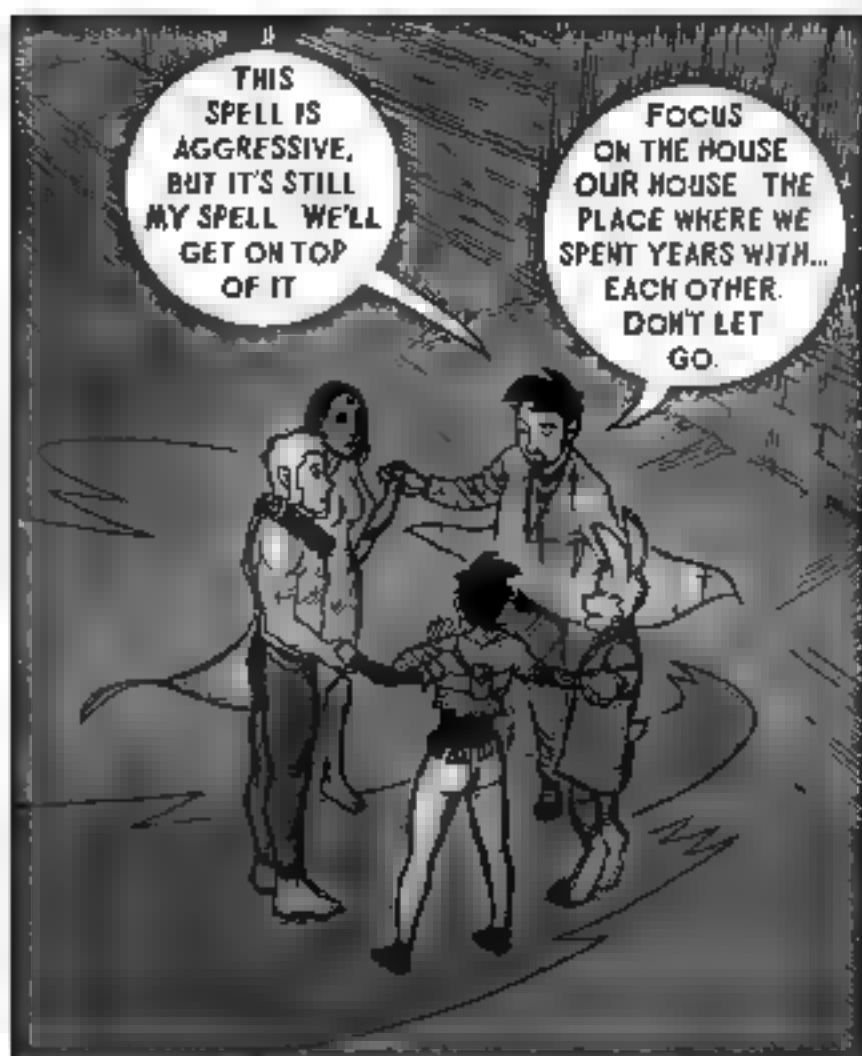
SAM? WHAT'S WRONG?

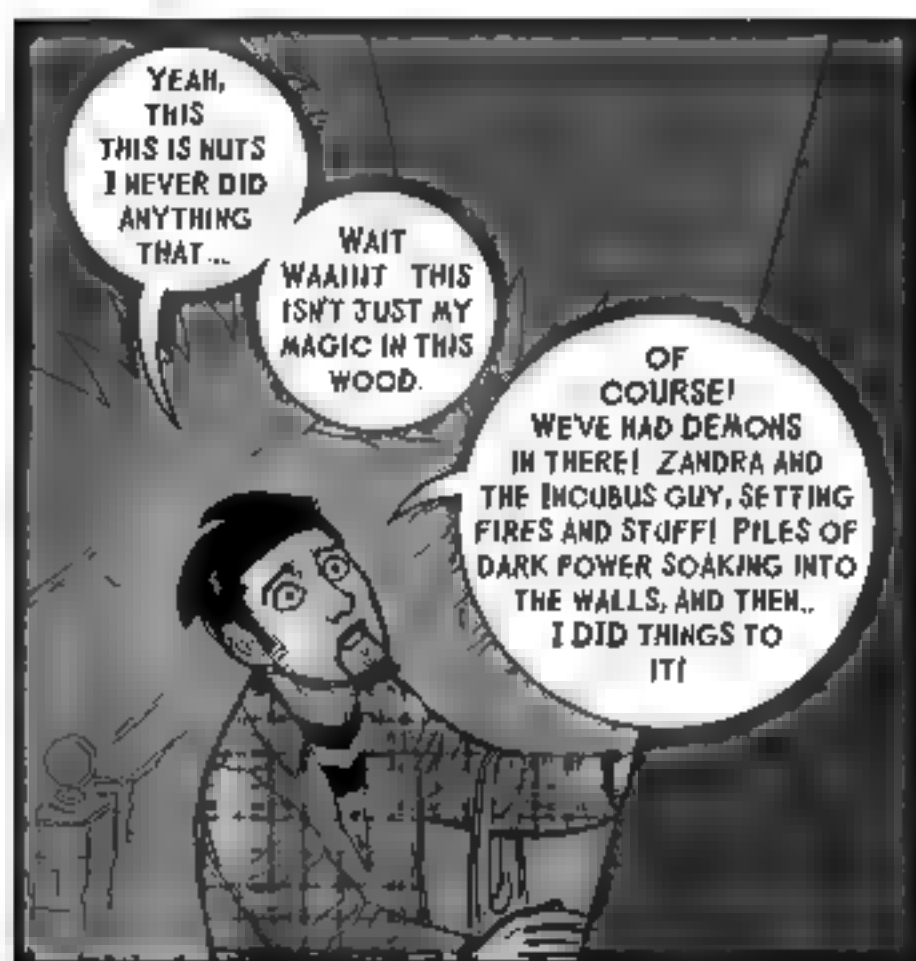


JUST... NERVOUS RHYMING. I CAN'T... SOMETHING'S NOT...

WAIT HOUSE. THE HOUSEH







WHY,  
SOME PEOPLE  
MIGHT EVEN BE  
HAPPIER AS  
VAMPIRES!

TELL  
THAT TO  
BECKY

MAYBE  
WE SHOULD  
TELL A REALTOR.  
I THINK IT'S EATING  
THE OTHER  
HOUSES!

SPEAKING  
OF EATING

EET!

COULD  
YOU STRANGERS  
SPARE A BITE TO  
EAT FOR A POOR  
MA-- AHRRM.  
WOMAN?

UG  
LISTEN, WE'VE  
BEEN AROUND THE  
BLOCK AND WE KNOW  
A MONSTER PERSON WHEN WE  
SEE ONE. SO SKIP THE PART  
WHERE YOU PRETEND YOU'RE  
A HUMAN PERSON, OKAY?  
WE'RE TIRED. JUST TELL  
US IF YOU WANT TO  
HURT US OR HELP  
US.

SHIFF  
ARE YOU A  
VAMPIRE? YOU'VE  
GOT A... A SMELL  
ON YOU SEEMS  
FAMILIAR

I'M A  
FRANKENSTEIN.  
I'M A GUY WHO'S  
A GHOST IN A GIRL  
WHO GOT HER DUMB ASS  
POSSESSED AND VAMPIRED  
AND ... WELL I DONT  
THINK THEY'VE GOT  
A TERM FOR  
THIS

IT'S JUST  
BERSERK





T  
TOMMY?

HOWVE  
YOU BEEN,  
BROTHER?  
YOU LOOK...  
ALIVE.

I GUESS  
MOM LIKED  
YOU BEST  
AFTER ALL.

SHE KILLED  
US, WALLY  
DOYENNE KILLED US.  
AND WE SAW THE LIGHT  
AND THE DARK ON THE  
OTHER SIDE. BUT YOU  
WEREN'T THERE. BABY  
BROTHER'S LOST AGAIN!  
I COULDN'T LEAVE  
UNTIL I BROUGHT  
YOU ALONG

READY  
TO TAKE  
YOUR  
MEDICINE,  
BOY?



EVERY  
BODY STAY  
BACK!



YOU'RE  
MINE, YOU  
SONUVA  
**BITCH!**

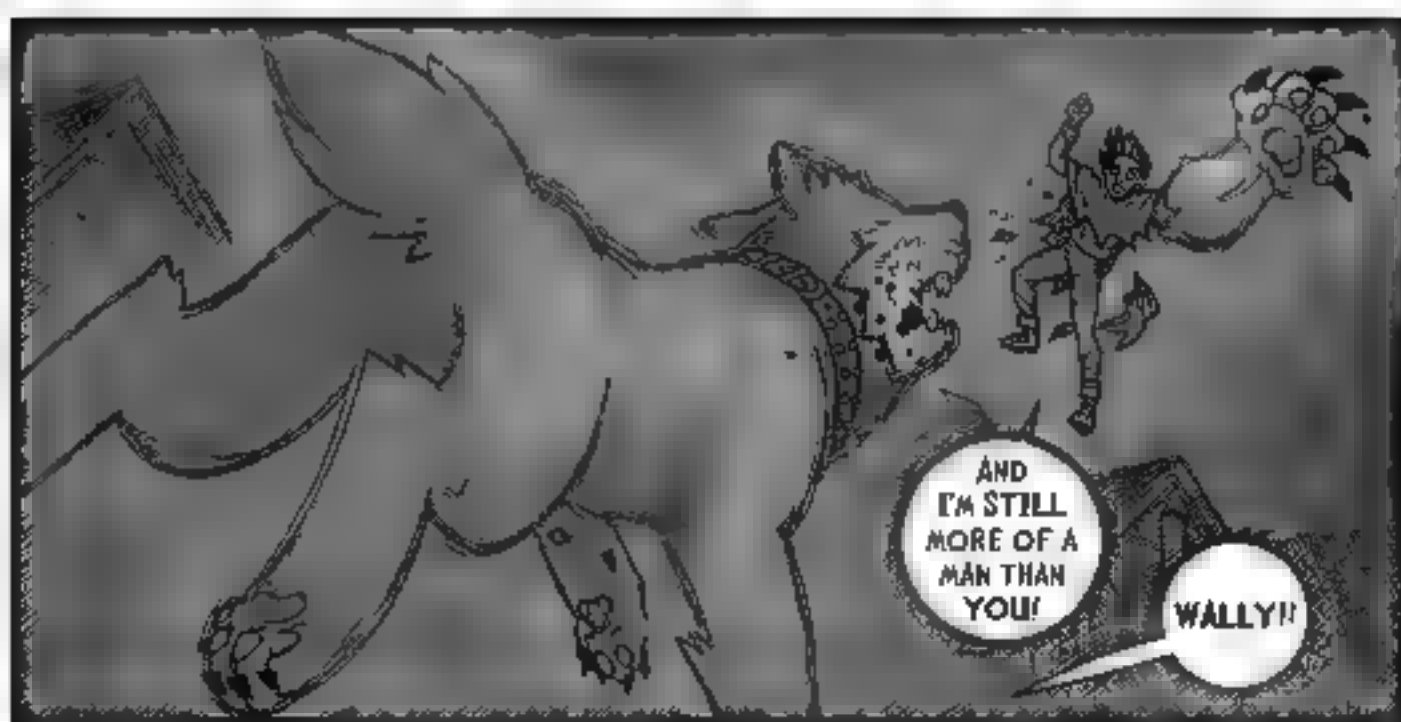
!?



I'M  
GONNA  
TEAR YOU  
APART!!

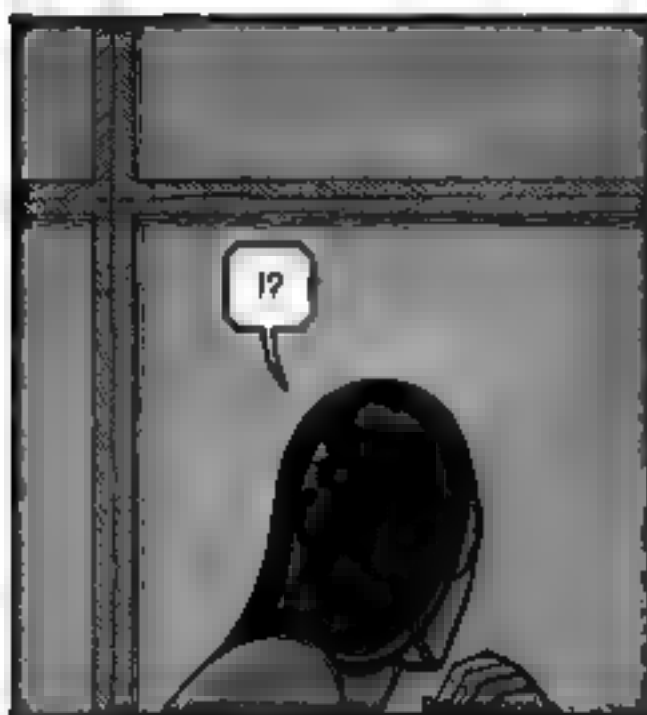














ON A  
CLOUD OF  
SOUND I DRIFT IN  
THE NIGHT. ANY PLACE  
IT GOES IS RIGHT!  
GOES FAR, FLIES NEAR  
TO THE STARS  
AWAY FROM  
HERE!

WANNA  
KNOW A  
SECRET?

LOTS OF  
OLD VAMPIRES  
FLY INTO SPACE  
FOREVER! JUST  
DRIFT AWAY, WHO CARES?  
LIKE THEY GET SO DEAD  
INSIDE THAT THEY ONLY  
FEEL AT HOME IN THE  
GREAT BIG  
EMPTY

SOME  
TIMES THEY  
BRING A  
FRIEND



CRYSTAL.



YOU  
YOU DON'T  
SCARE  
ME

WELL  
SOMETHING'S  
SCARIN' YOU.  
SUNSHINE! THESE  
EYES CAN SEE YOUR  
SPIRIT YOU'RE  
PACKED WITH  
FEAR!




AND  
ANGER!  
CONFUSION!  
AND UH.  
WOW

YOU ARE  
SO FULL OF  
LOVE IT'S  
EVERYWHERE  
IN YOU

YOU'RE  
BEAUTIFUL  
SO MUCH.  
JUST LIKE..  
I..





I KNOW  
HOW THIS  
WORKS NOW  
I DON'T NEED EVIL  
POWERS TO BREAK  
THE CHAINS, BUT I  
CAN'T DO IT  
ALONE


IT'S DOWN  
TO YOU,  
CRYSTAL



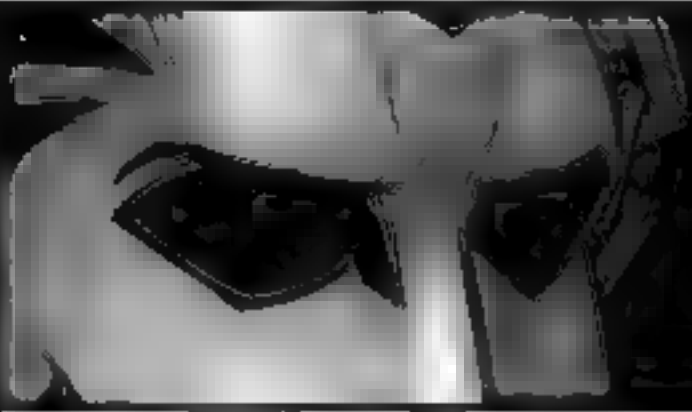
WOULD  
YOU, LIKE TO  
TALK? YOU CAN  
TALK TO ME WE  
CAN TAKE A BREAK  
AND JUST  
TALK ..



ALL I  
CAN SAY IS  
THAT I PROMISE  
YOU ARE THE MOST  
PRECIOUS THING IN  
THE WORLD TO ME  
RIGHT NOW



AND THIS  
IS AN ACT  
OF LOVE.



ALL  
THE THINGS I  
MISUNDERSTOOD,  
ALL THE WAYS I HURT  
YOU .. ALL THE TIMES  
I WASN'T THERE.  
PLEASE

FORGIVE  
ME FOR  
JUST ONE  
SECOND.



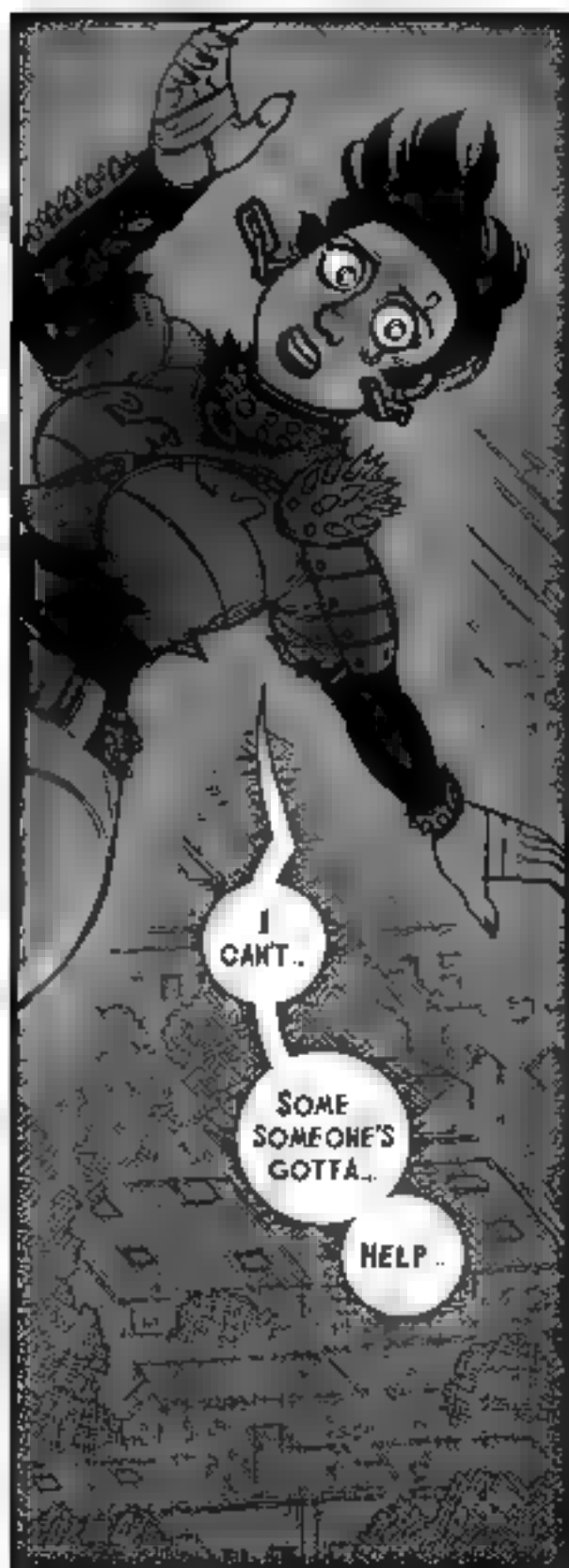
WALLY

JACK!

TOMIE..?



PLEASE



I  
CAN'T..

SOME  
SOMEONE'S  
GOTTA..

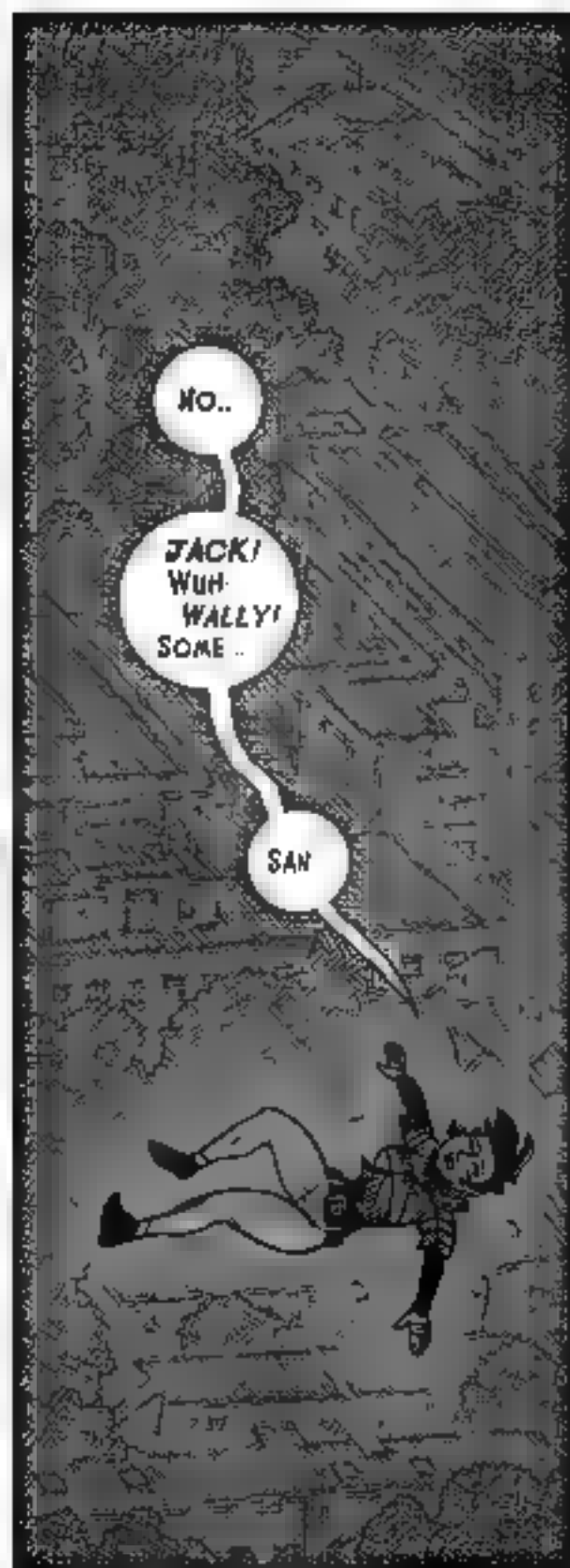
HELP..



I JUST  
NEED YOU TO  
NEED ME ONE  
MORE TIME!



NNAH..  
NO, NO..



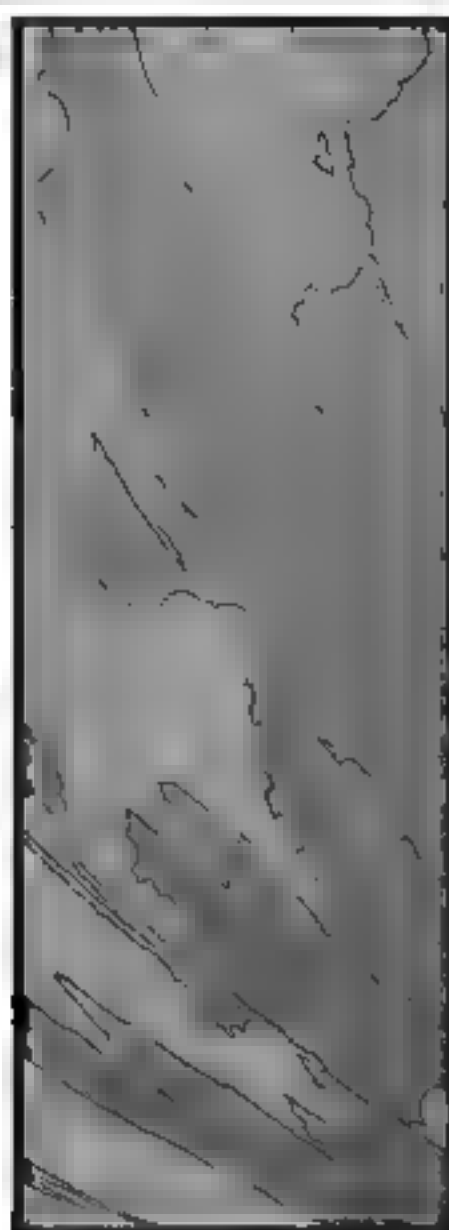
NO..

JACK!  
WUH-  
WALLY!  
SOME..

SAN



SANDRA..



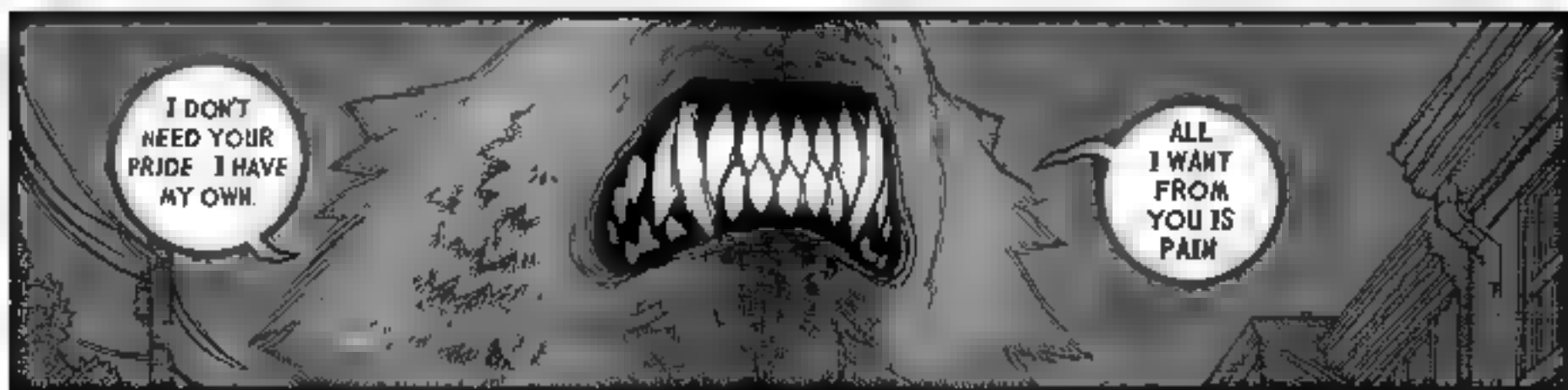


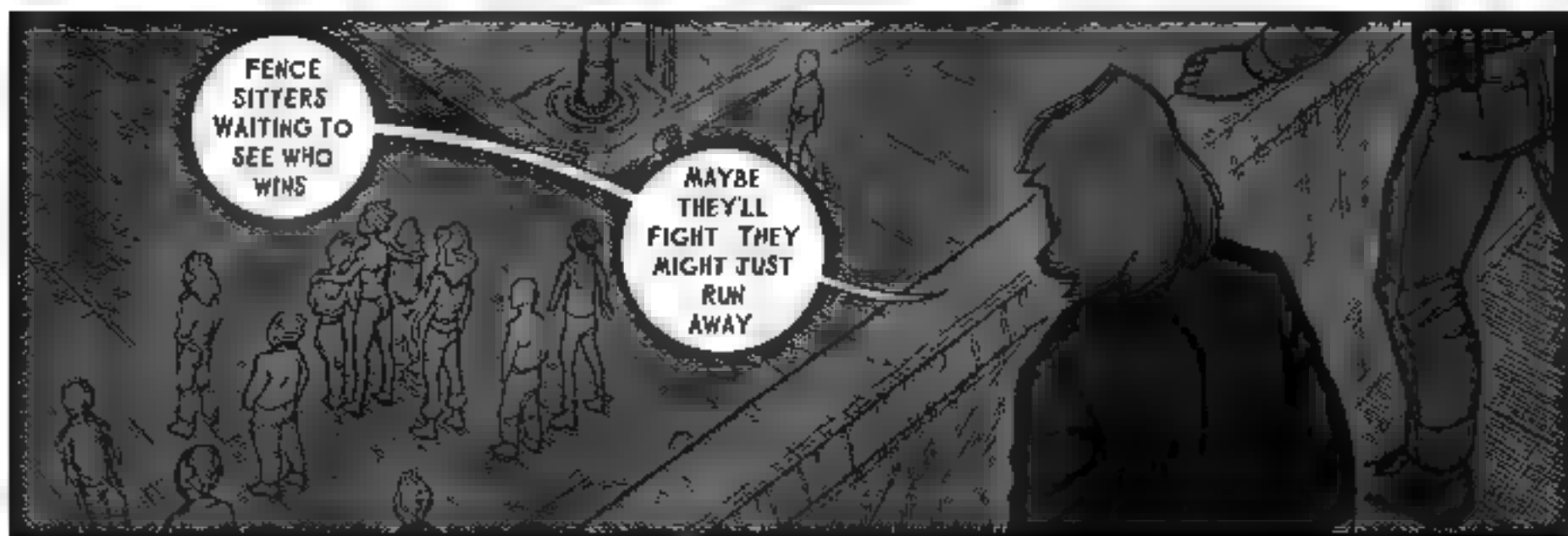
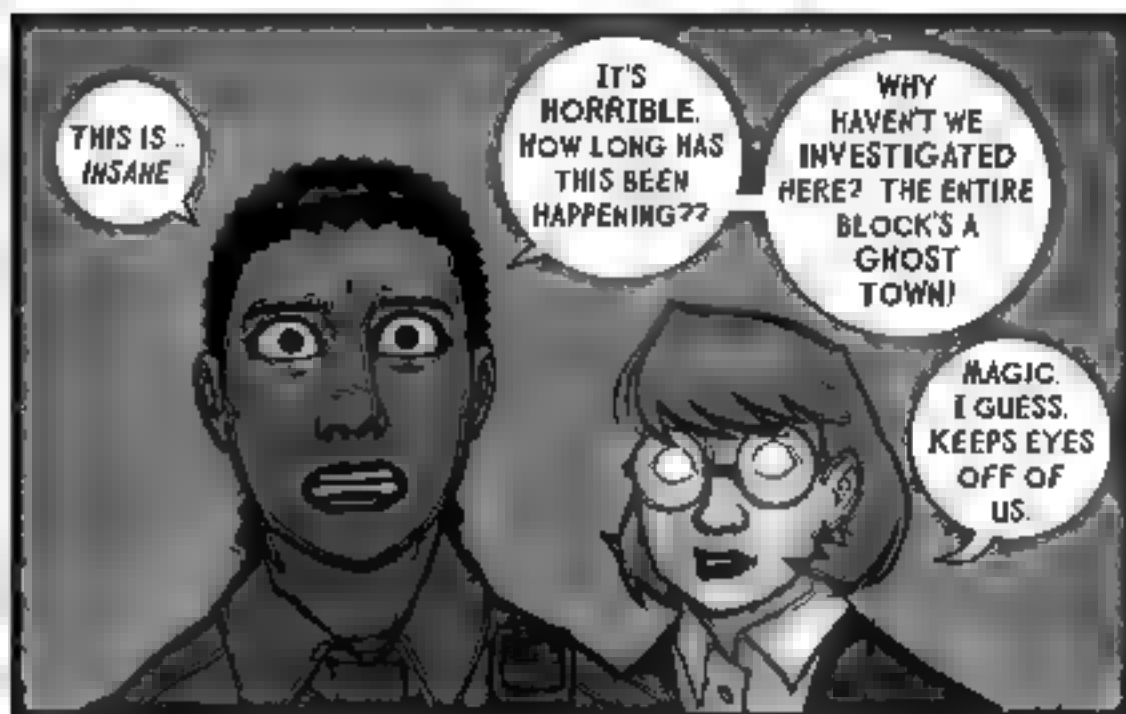
SHF

I'M  
STILL  
MAD AT  
YOU.











AND I  
CAN'T CALL FOR  
BACKUP SINCE  
SOMEONE CUT MY  
RADIO WHILE  
ABDUCTING  
ME!

HOW  
MONSTROUS!

ATTENTION!  
HEY! FELLOW  
VAMPIRES! I...  
I NEED TO ASK  
A FAVOR!

SOME OF  
YOU ARE HOMADS!  
YOU CAME TO TOWN  
AND CHANGED ME AND MY  
FRIENDS! AND IT'S OKAY!  
I DON'T WANT TO HATE YOU  
FOR IT! BUT WHEN THIS IS  
OVER NO MATTER WHO WINS  
ZANDRA OR THE BLOOFER  
LADY I'M NOT LEAVING!  
THIS IS STILL MY  
HOME, AND

AND I  
THINK YOU  
WANT IT TO BE  
YOUR HOME  
TOO!

OKAY...  
OKAY, YOU'RE  
RIGHT! ZANDRA  
SAID I'M STRONG.  
SO I'LL BE STRONG!  
FOR HER AND JERRY,  
AND DARYL, AND  
EVERYONE!

HUFF

ALL OF  
YOU MUST'VE  
HAD HOMES  
ONCE! I KNOW  
YOU MISS THE  
FEELING!

BUT  
HOMES  
NEED CARE!  
LIKE ZANDRA  
CARES FOR  
US!

SO...  
UH... TO  
START,  
LET'S...

LET'S  
CLEAN UP  
THE BODY  
PARTS!!

LOOK  
OUT!

HAHH

HHWOOM!

BEAUTIFUL  
ISN'T SHE?

YOU  
APPRECIATE  
BEAUTIFUL  
WOMEN, DON'T  
YOU,  
JACK?

THE  
PAPER LADY  
IS SHE YOURS?  
SHE'S A WORK  
OF ART

HHHHH.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHERE  
SHE WENT, BUT  
I'LL KEEP YOU  
APPRISED

ZANDRA'S  
KICKING ASS  
BECKY'S MAKING  
SPEECHES. YOU MET  
BECKY? NICE KID.  
THINK SHE'S GOT A  
CRUSH ON ME

SOUTHPAW'S  
ON THE ROPE'S SHE WAS  
A FRIEND OF MINE ONCE!  
I SHOULD'VE HELPED HER WHEN  
SHE TURNED UP POSSESSED, BUT  
WHAT CAN YOU REALLY DO FOR  
SOMEONE THAT MESSED UP?  
IS IT WORSE FOR A GIRL WITH  
THE SPIRIT OF A MAN, OR  
A MAN IN THE BODY  
OF A WOMAN?

ANH. MEN  
AND WOMEN, JACK.  
IS THERE EQUALITY?  
MAYBE WOMEN ARE BETTER  
FORCES US TO BE CRUEL JUST  
TO HAVE THINGS ON OUR TERMS.  
LOOK AT ME. ALL I WANT IS TO  
END WELL. NO BETTER WAY  
THAN ZANDRA. I JUST HAVE  
TO BE EVIL A LITTLE  
BIT MORE

SHE'LL  
COME FOR  
ME SOON SEE  
ME KILLING  
YOU AND  
THEN.

HOO

LET  
ME TELL  
YOU A  
STORY

ONCE  
THERE WAS A  
GENERATION OF  
WIZARDS CAUGHT IN  
A TRAP HUNDREDS  
OF YOUNG LIVES  
CUT DOWN.

BUT  
MAGIC'S  
FLOWING BACK  
TO EARTH, AND  
WIZARDS... WE'RE  
KIND OF LIKE  
FAUCETS.

WITH  
SO MANY  
OF US GONE  
THE PRESSURE  
STARTED TO BUILD

ONE DAY  
WE STARTED  
GETTING SURGES  
OF WILD, CRAZY,  
IMPATIENT  
POWER...

ENOUGH  
TO TURN A  
BOOK INTO  
A WOMAN.

HFF..  
US SURVIVORS  
MET IN OUR MAGI-NET  
AND FIGURED THE FIX WAS  
TO SEEK OUT FOLKS WHO  
COULD BE NEW WIZARDS,  
GIVE 'EM A NUDGE, AND IF  
WE MADE ENOUGH THEN  
THE TIDE WOULD CALM.  
AND IT WORKED  
OUT

EXCEPT

EVERY  
ONCE IN A  
WHILE...

AH-  
AAAH!

AAHH!  
GET IT  
OFF!

WHAT'S  
HAP--??  
AUGHH!

HELP  
ME HELP  
ME HELP  
HEEE!

HELP

KRRSSH











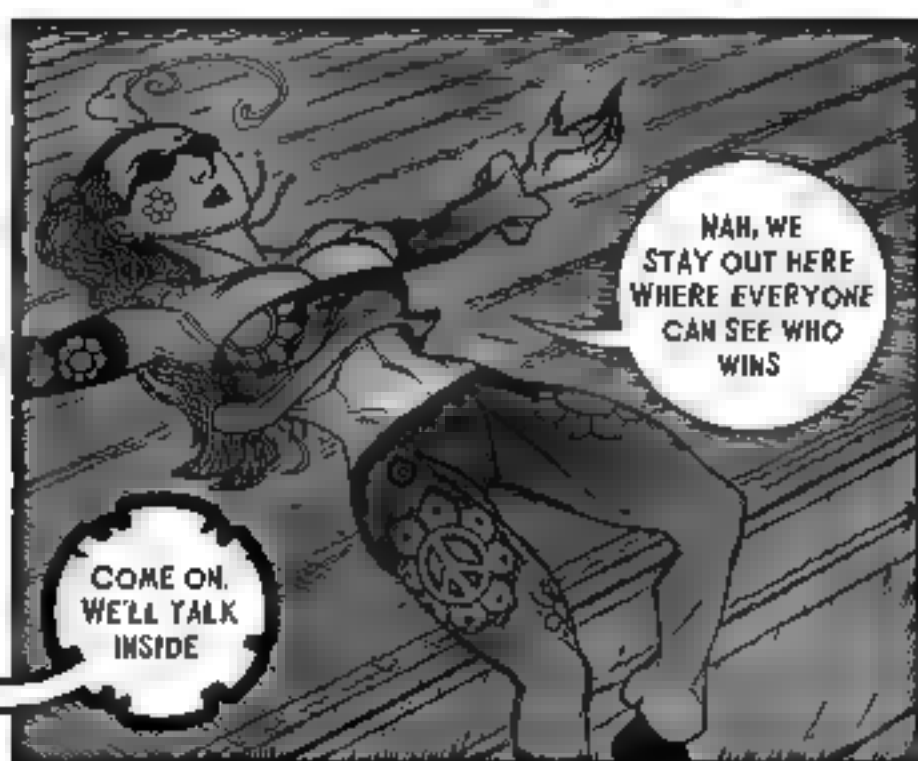


BLOO

THIS  
IS THE END.  
BEAU-TIFUL FRIEND  
THIS IS THE END... MY  
ONLY FRIEND. THE END.  
THE END OF OUR  
ELABORATE  
PLANS.

THE  
END.

YES,  
IT IS



NAH, WE  
STAY OUT HERE  
WHERE EVERYONE  
CAN SEE WHO  
WINS

COME ON.  
WE'LL TALK  
INSIDE



MR  
SUN SAYS  
IT'S QUITTIN'  
TIME

MELLOW  
YELLOW  
MORATORIUM!  
A TIME FOR PEACE!  
THE WEIGHT OF DAY  
DRAINS ME AWAY,  
ALL MY VIOLENT  
STRENGTH.

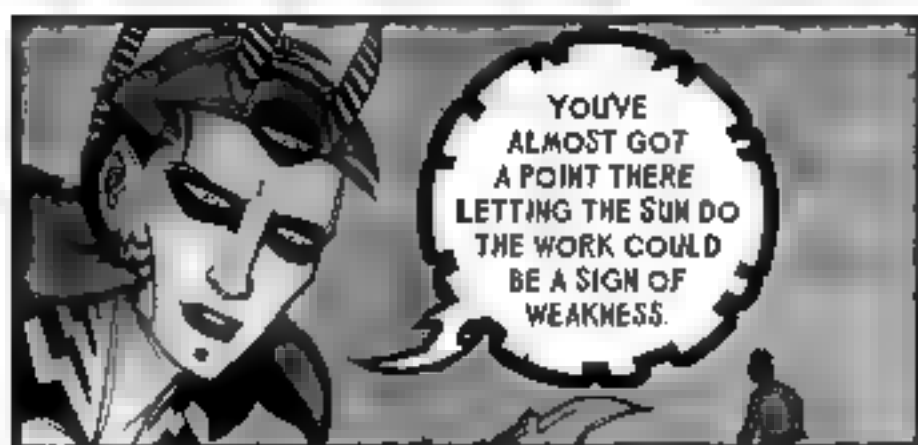
I CAN'T  
HURT A FLY  
UNDER GOD'S  
GOLDEN  
EYE



THING IS.  
YOU NEED TO  
REALLY SHOW  
THE SHEEP YOU  
CAN BEAT A  
REBELLION.  
YEAH?

BUT DOING  
IT WHEN I'M  
HELPLESS...  
WHAT KIND OF  
LEADER WINS A  
WAR WITH AN  
INVALID?

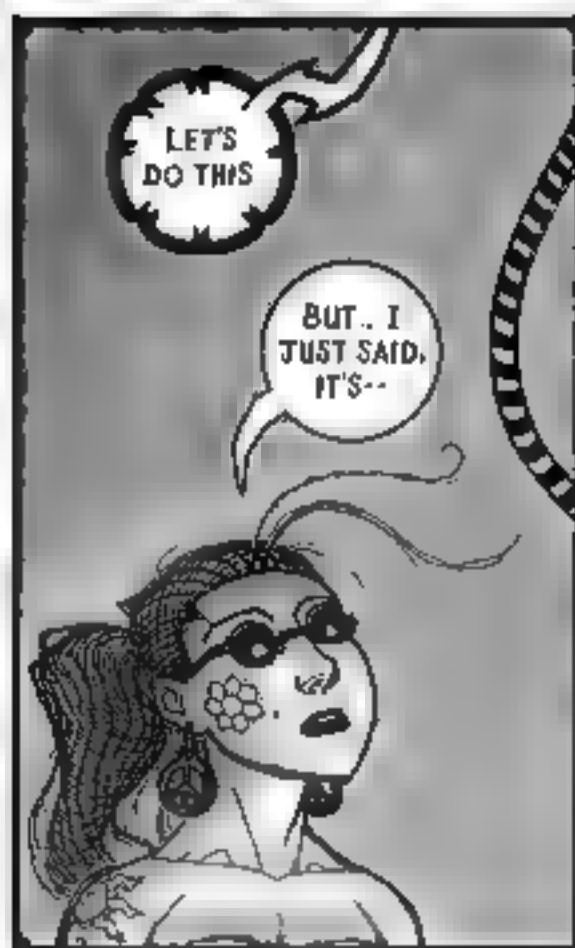
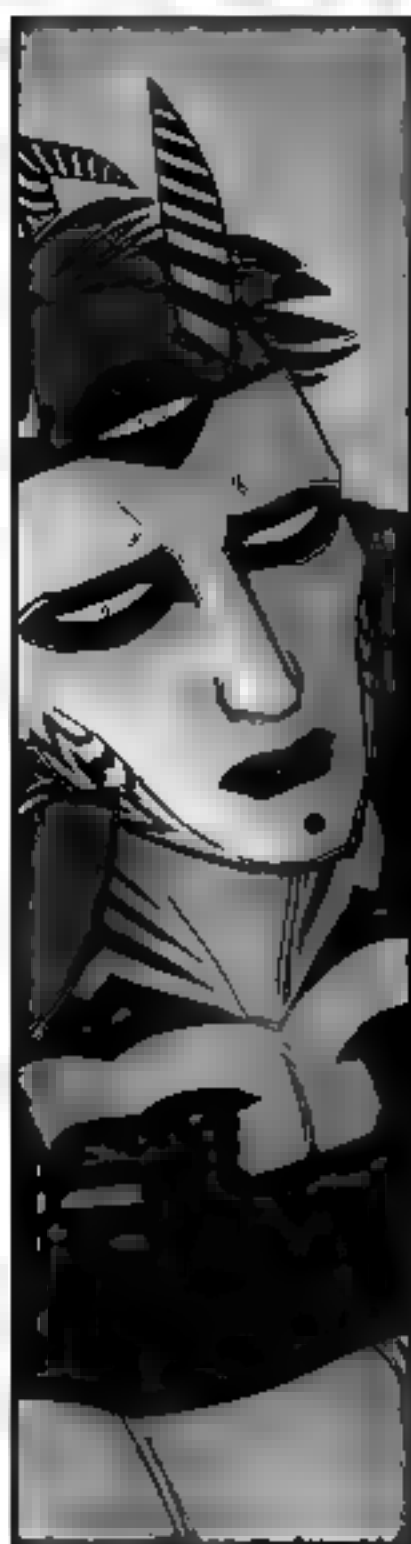
A TYRANT  
A COWARD

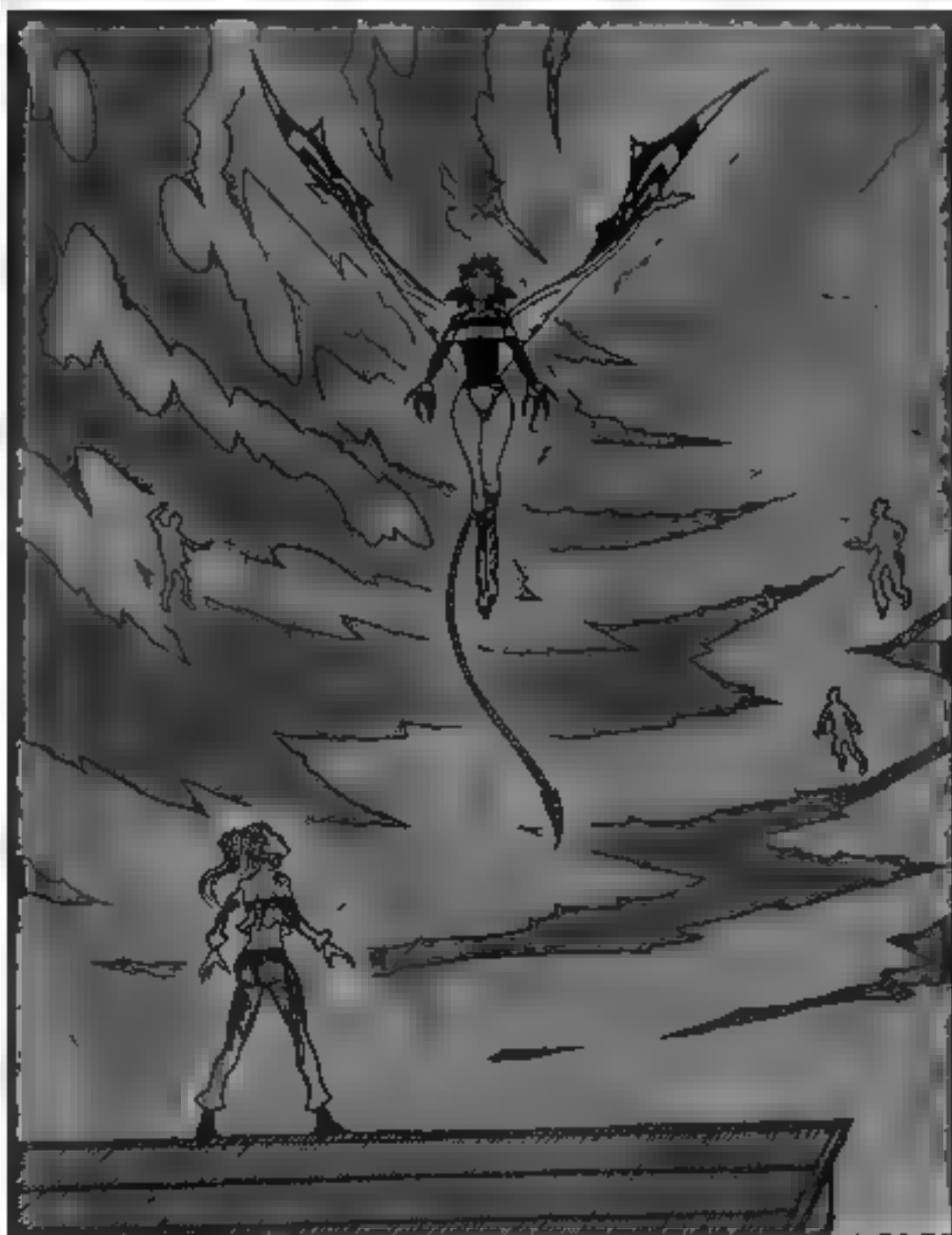


YOU'VE  
ALMOST GOT  
A POINT THERE  
LETTING THE SUN DO  
THE WORK COULD  
BE A SIGN OF  
WEAKNESS.



SIGN,  
SIGN, EVERY-  
WHERE A SIGN!  
TO BE HONEST I  
DON'T KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE GONNA DO.  
BUT I SURE PUT YOU  
IN A CORNER  
HUH?











HK.  
GOT  
YOU



WHA?  
NAH! NAH!  
AGKHI

L-LEGGOI  
DONTCHU--



NAKKI



NAGHKI

MUH  
FACE!



OKAY!  
ENOUGH!  
ARE WE  
DONE??



NO!  
WONT  
LECHA  
BACK  
OUT!



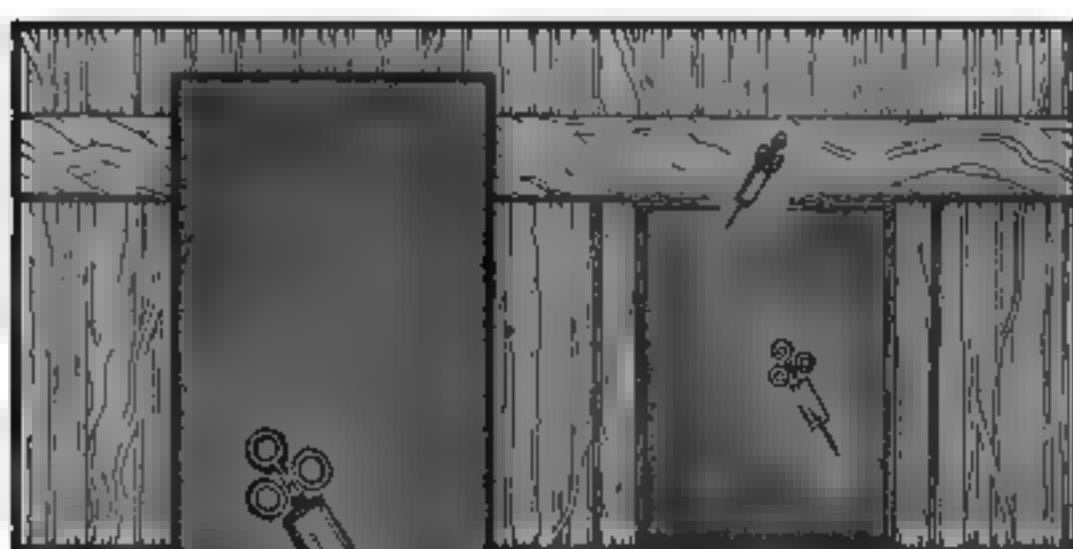
THIS,  
THIS IS FER  
BOTH OF US..  
IT'S AN ACT OF  
LOVE....



DONT  
YOU KNOW  
YOU NEED  
THIS??



ENOUGH!!



SEE?  
EMPTY

VAM...  
VAMPIRES MAN  
WE'RE NOTHIN'  
BUT BLACK  
HOLES.



ALWAYS  
HUNGRY  
IT EATS UP  
EVERYTHING  
INSIDE



NOTHIN'  
LEFT BUT A  
BROKEN HEART AN  
A BROKEN HEAD.  
SACK OF  
SKIN.

FILL IT  
WITH BLOOD,  
OR NEEDLES,  
WHOLE LIVES  
AT A TIME



'SNEVER  
ENOUGH  
THE WEIGHT  
SLIPS AWAY, AND  
THE SKY PULLS  
ME BACK



BUT MAYBE  
I'LL FILL IT  
WITH YOU. HUH?  
THINK YOU CAN  
BRING ME  
TO LIFE??

LIFE  
OR DEATH.  
MAMA ZEBRAI  
GIMME ONE  
OR THE  
OTHER!!



OR BOTH!!

BREAK ON THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE! I'M NOTHIN' BUT A DOOR! WALK INNA MY WOMB WORLD AN' INHALE THE EMPTY SPACE, BE MY VAMPIRE BABY!

IT DUNHURT! COUPLA YEARS AN' YA WONT EVEN FEEL PAIN NO MORE!

YOU WONT FEEL ANYTHING!

EVER AGAIN!!

HOFF!

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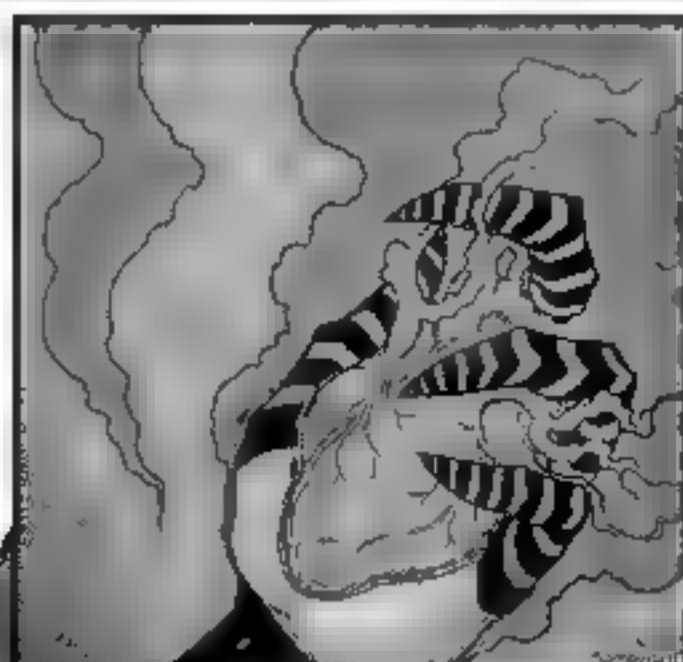
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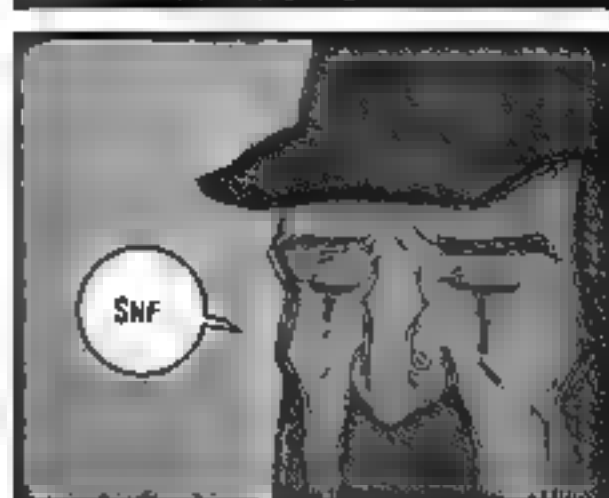
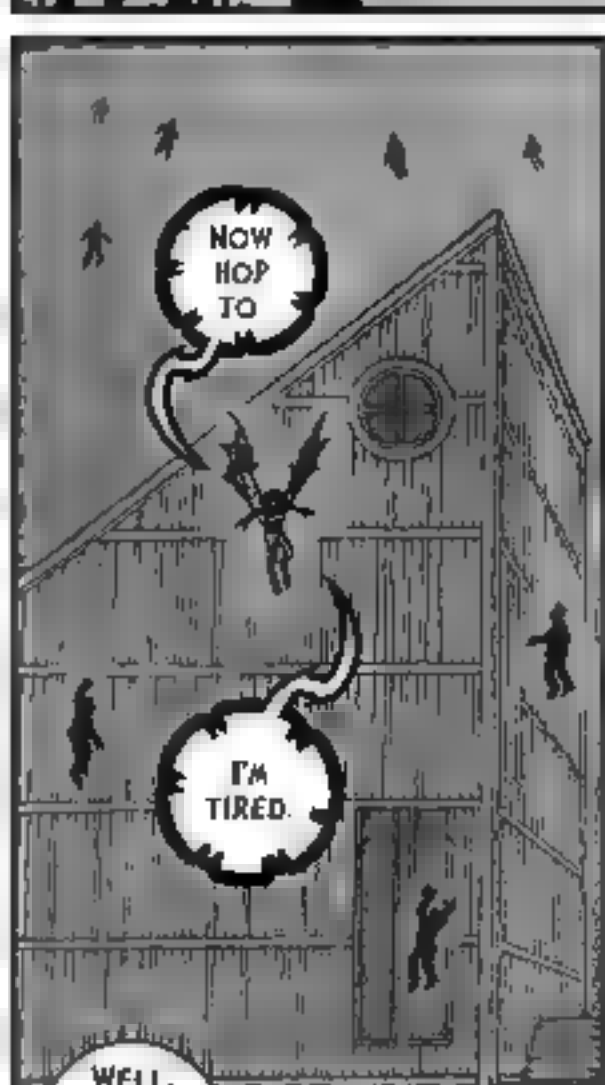
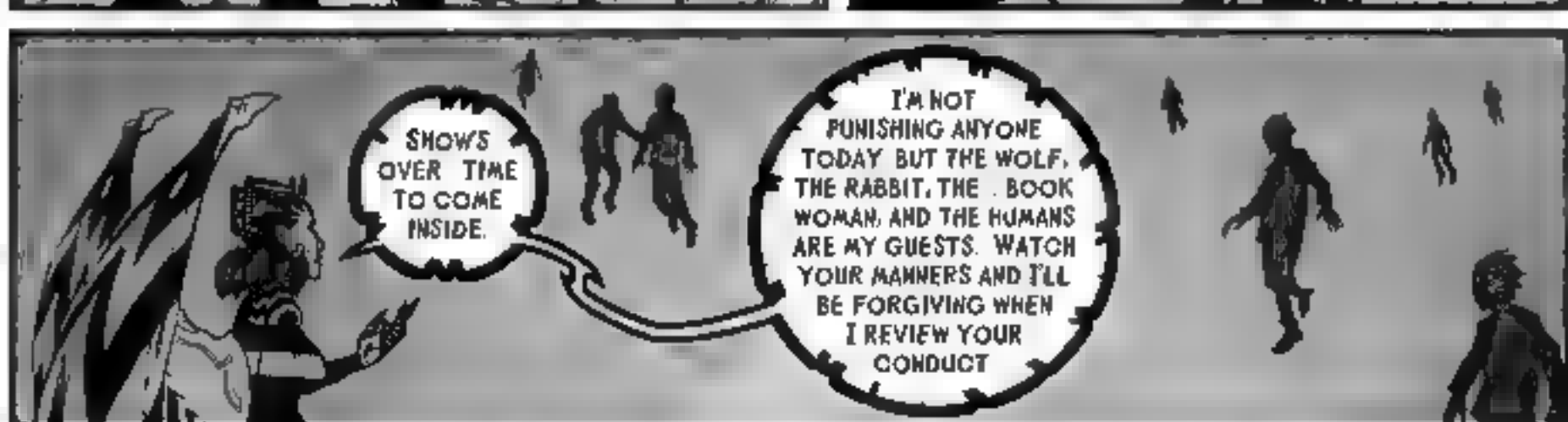
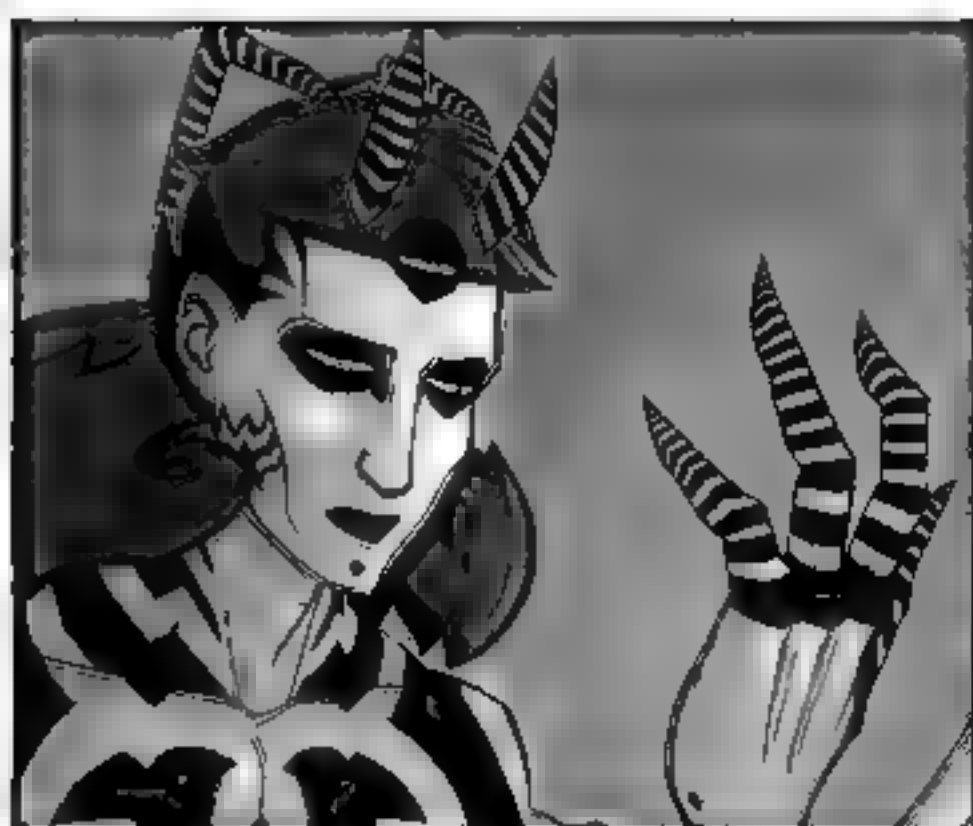
EVVY NIGHT I HAVE THE STRANGEST DREEMS... 'PRISONED BY THE WAYUH... COULDA BEEEN...

LISTEN. LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

B

BEAUTIF















SO WE FINALLY CAME HOME,  
TOGETHER, FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN YEARS. RELIEF BEGAN  
TO CLOUD THE SHAME I FELT  
FOR MY LACK OF GUILT OVER  
KILLING THE BLOOFER LADY

I'D BURY IT UNDER  
MANY THINGS BEFORE I  
EVENTUALLY CONFRONTED IT  
THE FIRST METHOD I FOUND  
WAS CONVERSATION.

I HAD TO TELL THEM  
WHERE I'D BEEN, AND  
HOW I'D CHANGED.  
AND SUZE HAD TO HEAR  
OUR ENTIRE TALL TALE

HELL  
OF A BED-  
TIME STORY  
CAN'T BELIEVE  
I BELIEVE  
IT

I HAD MY  
DOUBTS UNTIL  
YOU GOT TO THE  
PARTS WITH JEN  
SHE WAS A FRIEND,  
AND IT MEANS A  
LOT TO KNOW  
SHE'S ALIVE

SO, UM..  
WHAT WERE THE  
REST OF YOU DOING  
WHILE ZANDRA WAS IN  
THE OTHER DIMENSION?  
AND FOR NOW LET'S  
KEEP THE LONG  
STORIES  
SHORT

OH, WE HAD  
ADVENTURES  
ME AND TOMIE  
WENT AROUND  
MAKING  
WIZARDS!

I MET  
MY MAKER, AND  
MY GIRLFRIEND.  
AND ANOTHER ONE  
OF THOSE CRAZY  
SHARP-TOOTHED  
RABBITS

AND  
CHINATOWN  
BROWN, GREATEST  
MONSTER HUNTER  
ON THE WEST  
COAST!

I  
PUBLISHED  
A BOOK.

A BOOK!  
REALLY?

THIS STUFF  
IS HONESTLY  
HAPPENING  
ELSEWHERE?

HECK, WE SAW  
MONSTER PARTIES  
IN MOPERVILLE,  
RED HART, TANDY  
GARDENS...

THE WORLD'S  
CHANGING TO  
FAVOR THE  
SUPERNATURAL BUT  
WE CAN KEEP ORDER  
IN OUR HECK OF  
THE WOODS.

THE LAST  
FEW NIGHTS  
HAVEN'T  
BEEN VERY  
ORDERLY

BECAUSE I  
WAS RESTRAINED.  
WHICH GOES TO  
SHOW I CAN'T RUN  
THIS ON MY OWN, I  
NEED HELP! WE  
NEED LAW



HNHGH.

YOU'RE  
NOT GOING  
AWAY ARE  
YOU?

EVEN IF  
WE LEFT,  
SOMETHING ELSE  
WOULD TAKE OUR PLACE  
THE TOWN'S SO MAGICALLY  
CONTAMINATED THAT  
IT'LL ALWAYS  
ATTRACT  
MONSTERS.

BETTER  
THE DEVIL  
YOU KNOW



SUZE DIDN'T APPRECIATE  
MY BADINAGE. BUT SINCE  
I COULD BLOCK OUT  
THE SUN SHE AGREED TO  
HEAR MY PROPOSALS.

AS NIGHT FELL WE GATHERED IN THE  
SPACE WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY  
EVOLVE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AND TOOK OUR FIRST STEPS TOWARDS  
INCORPORATING THE SUPERNATURAL WITH  
THE FABRIC OF LEGITIMATE SOCIETY



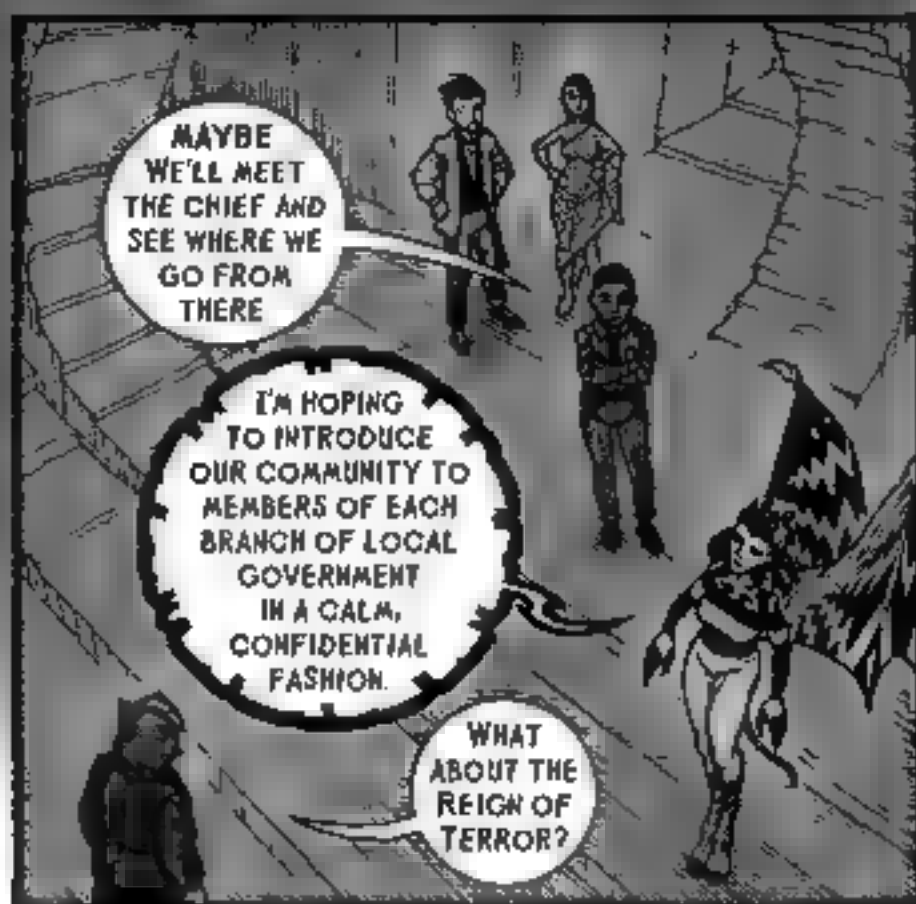
MRS.  
VOGEL  
SAYS THANKS  
FOR THE  
TV!

I MEAN.. I  
GOT A THANKFUL  
IMPRESSION.  
HARD TO TELL  
WITH A  
GHOST



WE SET  
IT UP IN  
HER MURDER  
ROOM!

GOOD  
WORK. NOW  
SINCE WE'RE ALL  
HERE OFFICER  
ORMAN IS WILLING TO  
WORK WITH US ON  
OUR INTEGRATION  
STRATEGY



MAYBE  
WE'LL MEET  
THE CHIEF AND  
SEE WHERE WE  
GO FROM  
THERE

I'M HOPING  
TO INTRODUCE  
OUR COMMUNITY TO  
MEMBERS OF EACH  
BRANCH OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
IN A CALM,  
CONFIDENTIAL  
FASHION.

WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
REIGN OF  
TERROR?



THE  
WHAT?

OH  
GOD I  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE SAID  
IT

IT'S FINE  
NOW'S THE  
TIME TO  
EXPLAIN.



OFFICER,  
DO YOU KNOW  
WHY MONSTERS  
SCARE  
PEOPLE?

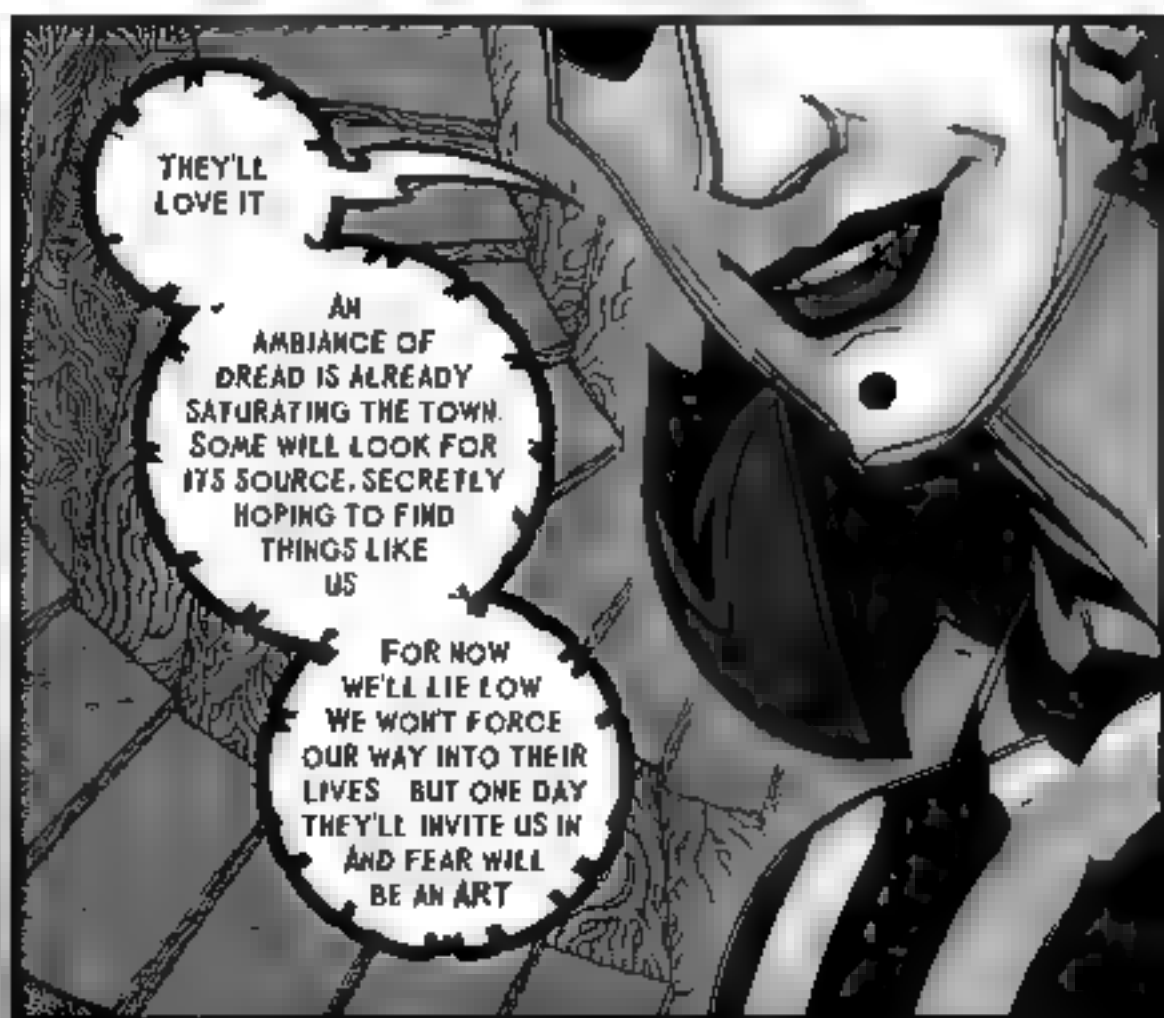
UH,  
ALL THE  
CLAWS AND  
FANGS?

I  
MEAN, WHY  
DO WE HAVE  
TO BE SCARY?  
WHY ARE WE  
BUILT FOR  
IT?

IT'S  
BECAUSE FEAR  
BRINGS PEOPLE TO  
LIFE AND WE FEEL  
IT THEIR VITALITY, IT  
BRINGS US TO LIFE  
WE NEED PEOPLE  
FOR THAT



BUT  
PEOPLE  
DON'T NEED  
TO BE  
SCARED!



THEY'LL  
LOVE IT

AN  
AMBIANCE OF  
DREAD IS ALREADY  
SATURATING THE TOWN.  
SOME WILL LOOK FOR  
ITS SOURCE, SECRETLY  
HOPING TO FIND  
THINGS LIKE  
US

FOR NOW  
WE'LL LIE LOW  
WE WON'T FORCE  
OUR WAY INTO THEIR  
LIVES BUT ONE DAY  
THEY'LL INVITE US IN  
AND FEAR WILL  
BE AN ART



THAT'S THE  
'REIGN OF  
TERROR'?

I COULD  
HAVE CALLED IT  
SOMETHING LESS  
SCARY BUT  
YOU KNOW

THAT'S  
THE  
POINT

OF COURSE. NO ONE  
REALLY THOUGHT  
IT WOULD WORK.  
BUT PART OF BEING IN  
CHARGE IS INSPIRING  
PEOPLE TO TRUST YOUR  
CONVICTION SLIGHTLY  
MORE THAN THEIR OWN.

SUZE BECAME A LIAISON  
WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
HELPING THEM TO UNDERSTAND  
OUR PRESENCE AND PERMANENCE  
THEY ANXIOUSLY ASSIGNED  
HER TO PATROL OUR 'GHOST  
TOWN,' WHERE HER RAPPORT  
WITH MY MINIONS BECAME  
A FIRST STEP TOWARDS  
LASTING INTEGRATION.



THE SUPERNATURAL POPULATION GREW AND DIVERSIFIED, AND AFTER YEARS OF HELPING TO KEEP ORDER SUZE BECAME CHIEF OF POLICE HERSELF. LATER STILL SHE WAS ELECTED MAYOR, AND SPEARHEADED OUR FORMAL UNVEILING TO THE PUBLIC. BY THEN MANY PEOPLE HAD MADE QUIET ACQUAINTANCE WITH MONSTERS, DRAWN TOGETHER BY THE HUMAN IMPULSE TO EXPLORE THE UNCANNY.

I ALWAYS KNEW IT WOULD WORK.

HOW ARE YOU SO SURE? YOU SEEING THE FUTURE NOW?

THE  
SAM, HOW IS MARY DOING? IS SHE... SICK?

SICK? NO. NOT EXACTLY WHY?

HEY, SAM-

ZANDRA, WALLY WHAT'S UP?

BETTER THAN LOSING YOUR TEMPER AND HAVING TO BE EXILED

LISTEN... I WAS A JERK TO YOU EVEN BEFORE MY BAD PATCH. IT'S TIME I TOOK BACK SOMETHING I SAID.

YOU DO DESERVE HER. MORE THAN...

YEAH?

UH, I NEVER THANKED YOU FOR SAVING CRYSTAL

YOU DON'T NEED TO

YEAH, I DO. I LEFT HER ALONE! I LOST MY TEMPER AND RAN OFF

AH HEY, I'VE GOT THE CHAIN MAKER FORGING RESTRAINTS FOR YOUR BROTHER. THE CLAW SO IT CAN'T POSSESS ANYONE ELSE. I NEED YOU TO MAKE SURE HE PUTS ALL ITS NAMES ON THE LINKS! TOMMY, BERSERK, SOUTHPAW WHATEVER.

A MISSING NAME CAN BE AN ESCAPE ROUTE IT'S WHY I'M KEEPING MY OLD ONE HIDDEN

OH!!

THEY'RE IN THE BASEMENT IT'S A DUNGEON NOW OFFICER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OUR DUNGEON?

I... YEAH. I'LL NEED TO TELL THE CHIEF YOU HAVE A DUNGEON

COOL, LET'S GO! SEE YOU LATER GUYS

HE'S A GOOD BOY GOOD MAN.

NOW WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT MARY? SHE'S NOT "EXACTLY" SICK?

HM? EH, WE DID A TEST LAST MONTH AND WEREN'T SURE ABOUT THE RESULTS. IT'S MEANT FOR HUMANS SO WE MADE AN APPOINTMENT--

VRRR... VRRR...

MARY? FUNNY WE WERE JUST...

SLOW DOWN. WHAT'S UP?

DOC..? THE DOCTOR CALLED?

OH.


OH BABY

WE SHARED THE MOMENT, THE BLOOM OF HEALTHY NEW FEARS FOR AN UNFOLDING FUTURE. I IMAGINED SAM AS A FATHER AND MEANWHILE, RABBITS ALL OVER THE WORLD STOOD ON THEIR TOES.

ONE DAY THEY'D START TO SPEAK  
ONE DAY THEY'D ALL CALL  
THEMSELVES HIS CHILDREN


OVER TIME WE LEARNED THAT, ONCE AGAIN, IT WAS THANKS TO JACK. HE'D TRANSFORMED MARY BY USING SAM AS A TEMPLATE, AND THE ECHO OF THE SPELL RESONATED, QUICKENED BY RESTLESS MAGIC. INSPIRING RABBITS ACROSS THOUSANDS OF MILES TO ASCEND TOWARDS A NEW STATE OF BEING.

SAM'S FAMILY WOULD BE LARGER THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE.



HE SAYS ON HIS WORLD RABBITS GET ABOUT SIX KIDS PER PREGNANCY THEY COULD NAME ONE FOR EACH OF US! THOUGH IT MIGHT BE DIFFERENT WITH MARY

I FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR HER HEALTH, NATURALLY, SO I'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON HER MYSELF



SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE THE FAMILY DOCTOR JACK! WHICH REMINDS ME... HOW'S OUR SPECIAL PATIENT?

LET'S ASK!



CAN'T BELIEVE THIS USED TO BE THE DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM.

HEY! HOW WE FEELING TODAY?

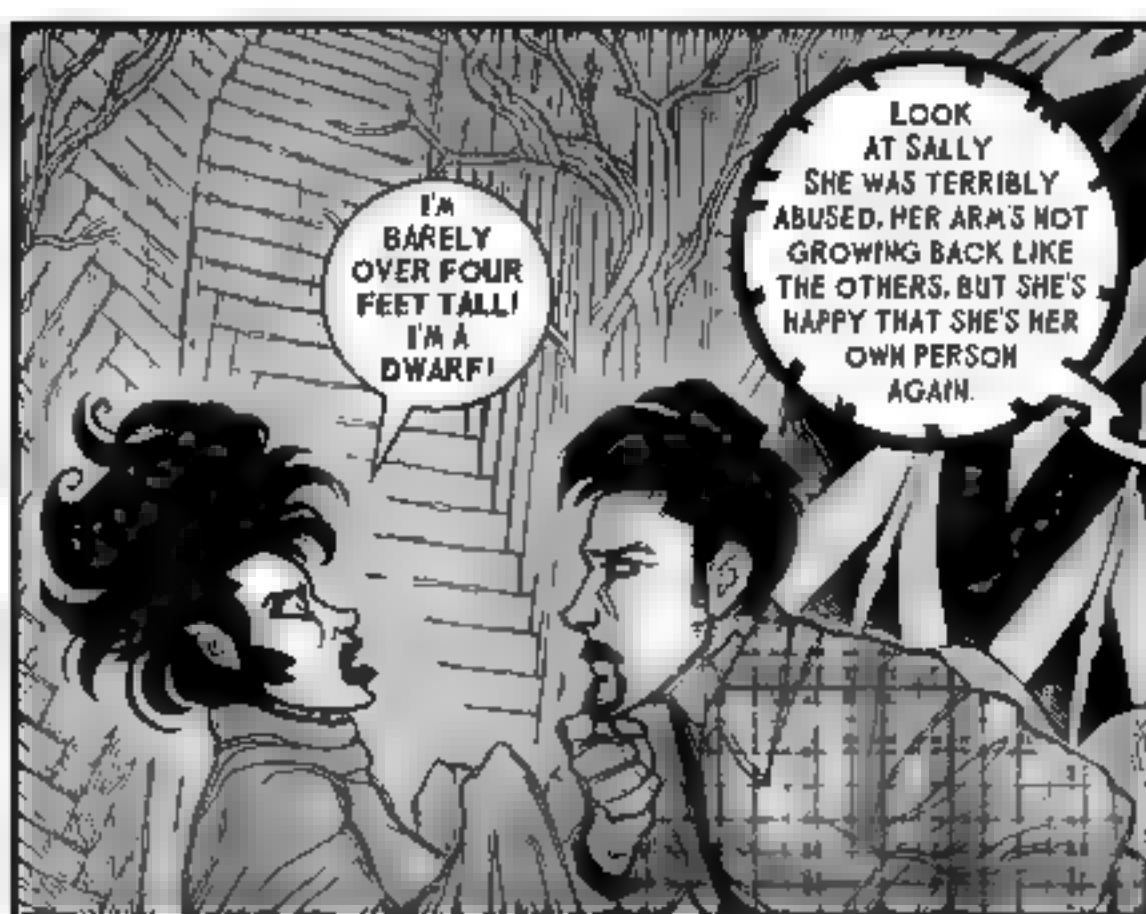


YOU'RE STILL A VAMPIRE, MIKE

BEING SHORT ISN'T MUCH OF A HANDICAP WHEN YOU CAN FLY

COMPACTED.





I'M  
BARELY  
OVER FOUR  
FEET TALL!  
I'M A  
DWARF!

LOOK  
AT SALLY  
SHE WAS TERRIBLY  
ABUSED. HER ARM'S NOT  
GROWING BACK LIKE  
THE OTHERS, BUT SHE'S  
HAPPY THAT SHE'S HER  
OWN PERSON  
AGAIN.



ONLY NEED  
ONE HAND FOR  
THE WORLD'S  
SMALLEST  
VIOLIN, MIKE



WELL  
PARTS OF  
ME AREN'T  
GROWING  
BACK,  
EITHER.

ALL  
YOUR  
FAULT

YEAH,  
SORRY MY  
MAGIC KICKED  
IN WHILE YOU  
WERE EATING  
ME

WHAT  
KINDA DAMN  
MAGIC TURNS  
A MAN INTO  
A GIRL?



LOOK  
AT THESE.  
THIS... STUFF!  
CAN'T YOU  
CHANGE ME  
BACK??

ACCIDENTAL  
SPELLS ARE ALMOST  
IMPOSSIBLE TO  
REVERSE JUST  
ASK HER

MIKE...  
LET'S SPEAK  
PRIVATELY



OOH.  
CALLED  
IN TO THE  
PRINCIPAL'S  
OFFICE!

GOOD  
LUCK,  
SISTER



ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
KILL ME?

JESUS,  
MIKE



IT HURTS  
EVERY TIME I  
REMEMBER BLOO  
YOU THINK I  
WANT MORE  
OF THAT?

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK I WANT?  
I THOUGHT I'D GET A  
NEW WORLD AS A VAMPIRE.  
BUT I LOST YOU AND  
EVERY BLESSING I HAD  
I COULDN'T LIVE WITH  
NOTHING. DON'T MAKE  
ME LIVE WITH  
THIS.



RIGHT!  
BEING A MONSTER  
IS ONE THING,  
BUT A WOMAN?  
THAT'S A  
CURSE

IT'S  
DIFFERENT!



OF COURSE  
IT IS. ESPECIALLY  
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T  
CHOOSE IT. YOU'RE  
USED TO BEING  
IN CONTROL.  
I UNDERSTAND

AND  
NOW YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
MY OLD  
ATTITUDE.

FOLLOW MY  
LEAD. CURSES  
ARE RELATIVE.  
THEY INVITE  
OPPORTUNITIES.


"OPPORTUNITIES?"



TO  
GROW  
UP


WE BOTH  
HAVE A LOT  
TO ATONE FOR  
REBECCA'S FORMING  
A CLASS FOR VAMPIRES  
TO RETRAIN THEIR  
CONSCIENCE, AND  
ATTENDANCE IS  
MANDATORY

I'LL BLAME  
THE WORST OF  
WHAT YOU DID ON  
YOUR CONDITION. BUT  
YOU'RE ON PROBATION.  
DON'T THINK I CAN'T PUNISH  
SOMEONE I WON'T KILL.  
I HAVE EYES ON YOU.  
AND I WON'T BE  
DISTRACTED.




IS...  
IS THAT  
ALL?

FOR  
NOW YES  
THAT'S  
ALL.



I  
MEAN...  
WITH  
US?



SOMETIMES  
FRIENDSHIP  
IS SUPERIOR  
TO INTIMACY

FOR THE MOST  
PART WE KEPT  
TO THE FORMER



HOW'S MIKE DOING?

GROWING PAINS.

SPEAKING OF WHICH..



HIS NEW FIGURE IS REMARKABLY CURVY ISN'T IT?

IN FACT LOTS OF US SEEM CURVIER LATELY



YES... YEAH. I NOTICED

JACK. SINCE I GOT BACK TO EARTH I'VE GAINED AT LEAST TWO CUP SIZES. AND I'M ALSO PRETTY SURE MY BUTT DIDN'T USED TO BE THIS PRONOUNCED EVERY MATURE FEMALE IN A SIX MILE RADIUS IS TURNING INTO JESSICA RABBIT IS IT YOUR FAULT?

KOO.



ISN'T EVERYTHING?

SPELLS ARE LIKE ART THEY CARRY A SIGNATURE STYLE I PUT A LOT OF MYSELF INTO THIS HOUSE

DREAMS OF SPREADING MAGIC, CHANGING THE WORLD IT'S KIND OF A GIANT WAND AND I GUESS IT INCLUDES A PART OF ME SOME WHERE, THAT'S STILL BASICALLY A PERVERT



WELL CAN YOU TURN THAT PART OFF, PLEASE? I MEAN, BETTY'S DELIGHTED, BUT..



I'M TRYING, BUT I NEED YOUR HELP IT'S YOUR HOUSE MORE THAN MINE

ARE YOU GOING TO BURN ME?




WHAT?

NO! JACK, I WON'T HURT YOU ANYMORE WE'RE PAST THAT

I'M NOT

I HURT EVERYONE





LIKE I'M  
CURSED TO  
CURSE PEOPLE  
I'M GOING TO HURT  
YOU AGAIN.  
RIGHT NOW

REMEMBER  
REMEMBER WHEN  
I TOLD YOU I'D HAVE  
AN ANSWER SOMEDAY?  
I FOUND IT  
WHILE YOU  
WERE GONE

THE  
ANSWER'S  
NO

I CAN'T  
MAKE YOU  
HUMAN  
AGAIN.

JACK..



LISTEN  
WHEN YOU  
KICKED ME OUT  
OF REALITY I  
ACTUALLY DID  
SEEM TO BE  
HUMAN  
AGAIN.

I HATED  
IT I FELT  
NAKED AND  
WEAK.

BUT NOW  
I THINK THAT  
THAT PLACE WAS  
TEACHING ME A LESSON.  
I WASN'T MYSELF AGAIN  
UNTIL I STARTED  
CARING ABOUT  
SOMEONE  
ELSE.

BECAUSE  
THAT'S WHO  
I REALLY AM...  
A CARETAKER  
THAT'S MY  
PURPOSE  
IN LIFE



WE  
BECOME  
POWERLESS WHEN WE  
GIVE UP ON OURSELVES  
I STOPPED FEELING  
LIKE A VICTIM A  
LONG TIME  
AGO.



IT ISN'T  
UP TO YOU TO  
SAY WHEN OUR  
LIVES ARE  
RUINED.



I NEVER HATED JACK. NEITHER DID MOST OF  
THE PEOPLE HE'D SPILLED MAGIC ON. HE MADE  
FRIENDS EASILY, LIBERALLY APOLOGIZED, AND  
EVEN FOUND GRATITUDE IN SURPRISING PLACES.  
TOMIE'S FEELINGS WENT WITHOUT SAYING  
SHE OFTEN TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF QUIETUDE

SUZE LATER ASKED THEM TO AUTHOR A GUIDE ON MONSTERS  
AND MAGIC TO MITIGATE THE QUALMS OF CERTAIN HUMANS.  
THE HAPPY COUPLE DISCOVERED A PASSION FOR WRITING  
TOGETHER, GOING ON TO CREATE A VAST BIBLIOGRAPHY  
MANY OF THEIR BOOKS REMAIN IN OUR LIBRARY

OTHERS HAVE LEFT OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.



SAM-  
UAM.

ZANDRA?



CRYSTAL!



I JUST  
FINISHED  
YOUR BOOK.  
IT'S WONDERFUL!  
THE EVIL LITTLE  
GIRL IS ME.  
RIGHT?

WELL...  
YOU'RE NOT  
EVIL! IT'S AN  
ANALOGY



SURE

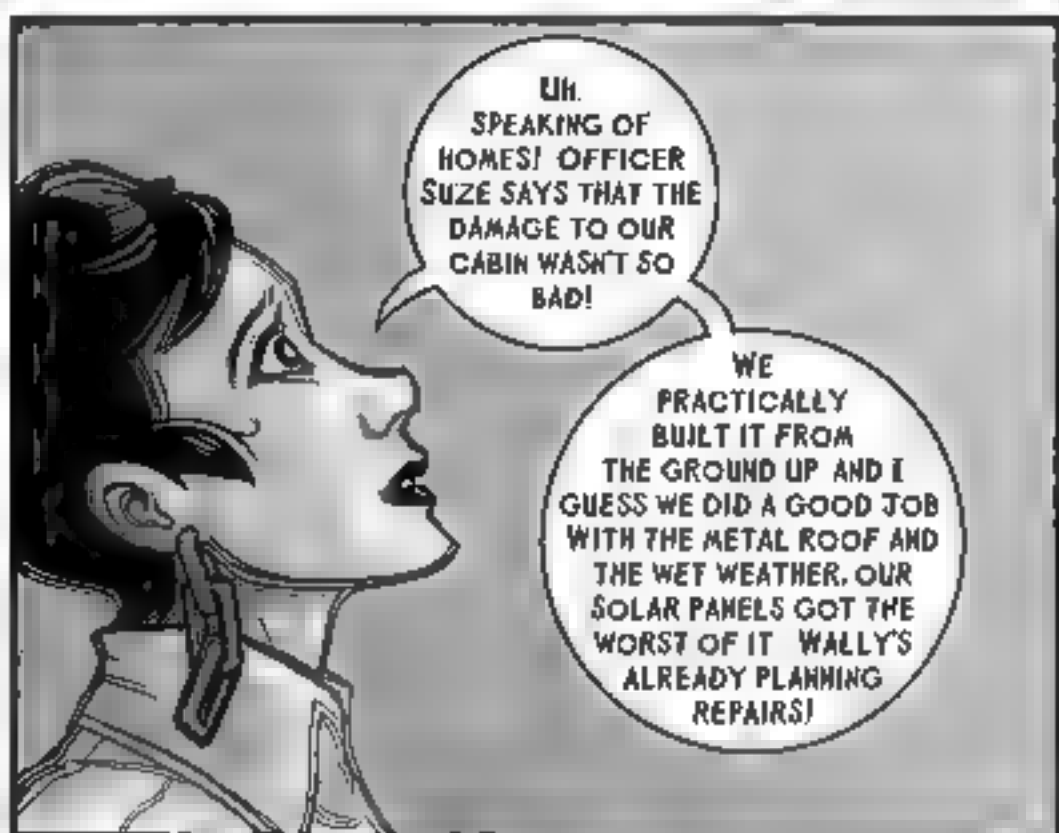
HOW  
ARE YOU  
DOING? IS ANYONE  
BOTHERING YOU? I'M  
SORRY WE HAVEN'T  
HAD MORE TIME  
TO TALK

YOU'RE  
BUSY I  
UNDERSTAND.



I WAS JUST  
TAKING A BREAK.  
WE'RE TACKLING  
HOUSING SPACE  
TODAY

THANKFULLY  
THERE ARE LOTS OF  
EMPTY HOMES AROUND  
THEN THERE'S BLOOD  
RATIONING! I'M IN  
HIGH DEMAND



UH.  
SPEAKING OF  
HOMES! OFFICER  
SUZE SAYS THAT THE  
DAMAGE TO OUR  
CABIN WASN'T SO  
BAD!

WE  
PRACTICALLY  
BUILT IT FROM  
THE GROUND UP AND I  
GUESS WE DID A GOOD JOB  
WITH THE METAL ROOF AND  
THE WET WEATHER. OUR  
SOLAR PANELS GOT THE  
WORST OF IT. WALLY'S  
ALREADY PLANNING  
REPAIRS!



OH,  
THAT'S  
TERRIFIC!

YEAH!  
BUT, UM.  
I WAS THINKING  
EVEN THOUGH  
EVERYTHING'S  
CHANGED..

IT'S  
NICE TO BE  
BACK



WE ALL  
HAD REASONS  
FOR LEAVING  
JACK HAD TO FIND  
WIZARDS, SAM  
HAD TO FIND  
HIMSELF ..

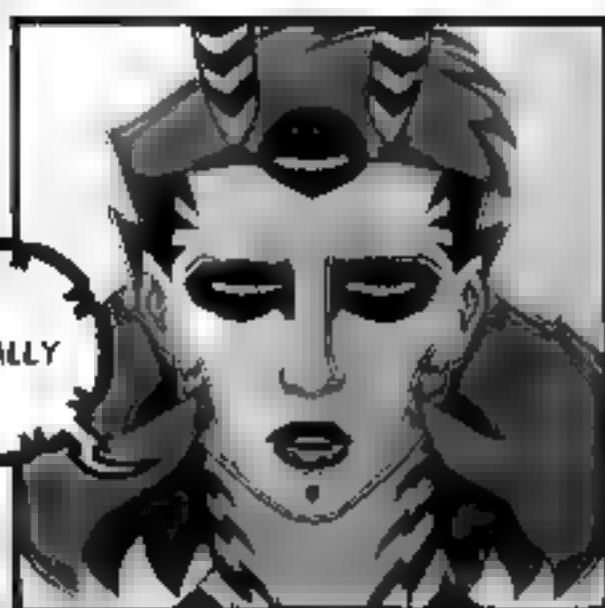
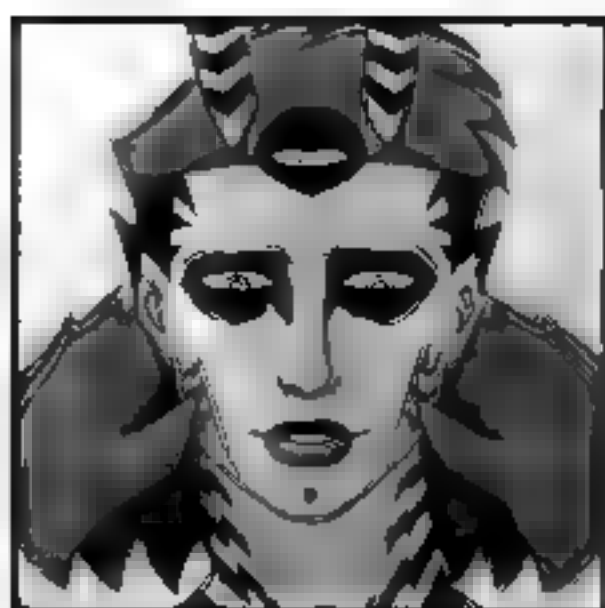
THE  
HOUSE JUST  
SEEMED WRONG  
WITH EVERYONE  
GONE I DIDN'T  
LIKE IT



BUT NOW  
YOU'RE HERE  
AGAIN, AND ..  
WELL, MAYBE  
I COULD...

STAY  
AND HELP  
YOU FOR A  
WHILE?





ACTUALLY

WE SHOULD THINK OF WALLY

HE'S FEELING GUILTY OVER HIS BEHAVIOR DURING THE FIGHT I THINK HE NEEDS YOU

OH...

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT

I MEAN, OF COURSE!

AND I CAN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE WITH THE REPAIRS! SORRY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING



THE SAME AS ME THAT IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD SPEND TIME TOGETHER! AND WE WILL SOON

YEAH.

YOU KNOW YOU LOOK TALLER NOW AND.. STRONGER!



JACK SAYS IT'S DUE TO MY BOND WITH THE HOUSE BUT I'M USED TO CHANGE.

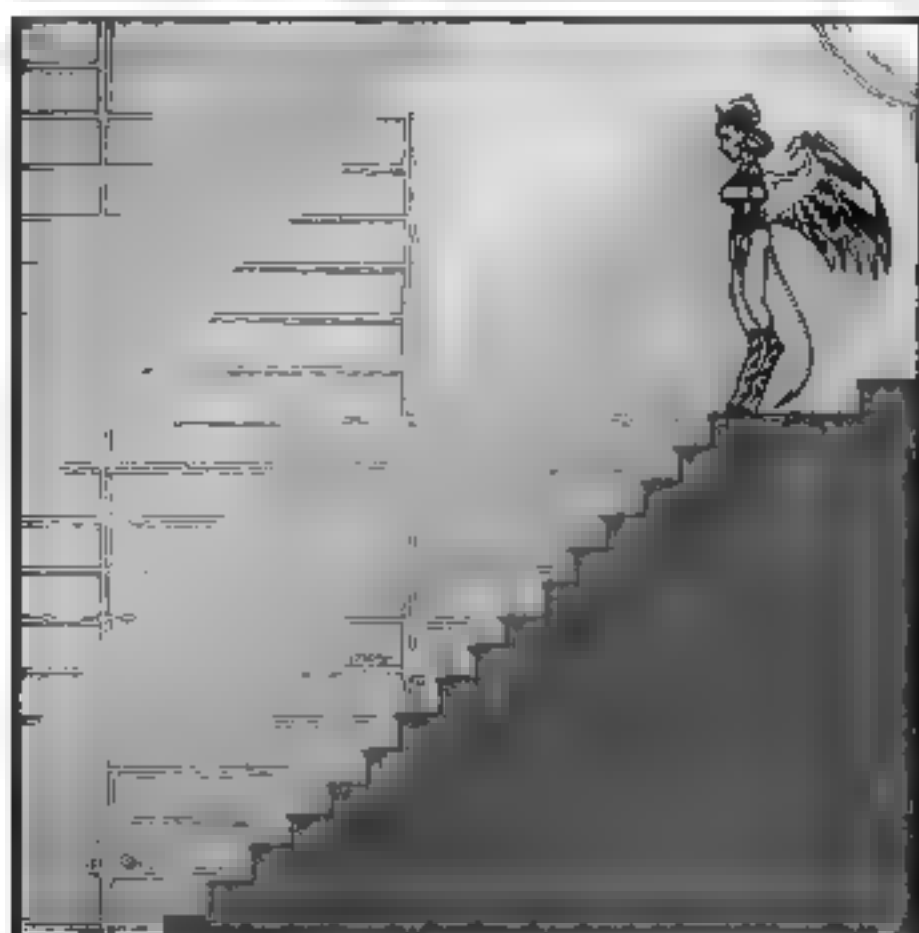
AND YOU'RE KEEPING YOUR WINGS OUT ALL THE TIME!

THEY HELP ME LOOK IMPERIAL I NEED A NEW OUTFIT



LISTEN, I WANT YOU TO HAVE SOMETHING TO REMIND YOU THAT I'M ALWAYS WITHIN REACH

JUST CALL I'LL ANSWER.





I STAYED IN THE ATTIC THAT DAY LISTENING  
TO VOICES DRIFTING THROUGH THE  
WOOD FROM THE LOWER FLOORS.  
MONSTERS MAKING FRIENDS.

I NEVER KNEW HER HAPPINESS  
COULD HURT ME SO MUCH.



NOT LONG AFTER


BUT--

SHHHH.

NOT LONG AFTER, CRYSTAL SENT ME A GIFT IN RETURN.  
AT THE TIME I WONDERED WHY SHE DIDN'T DELIVER  
IT HERSELF. SHE EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS TOO  
OCCUPIED BY WORKING WITH WALLY ON THEIR HOME

I LIKE TO IMAGINE  
THAT SOMETHING ELSE  
KEPT HER AWAY



Dear "Z,"  Queen of the  
Monsters  
Are you good? Are you taking  
care of yourself? Keeping in shape  
(pretty sure the house gave you a  
second puberty). Hooray! Girl!  
Anyway. Listen... Holidays came  
and went while you were gone. I  
missed giving you things. So I  
started a project to make up for time.  
The work of years.  
I put all my magic in it.  
Not that I have much to  
give. But it's the most  
magical thing I ever made.  
Now it's finished.  
~Crystal~



OH..

OH. OF  
COURSE






SOME SAY THAT IF THERE ARE NO  
HAPPY ENDINGS THEN IT'S ONLY  
BECAUSE NOTHING REALLY ENDS  
OTHERS SAY THAT EVERY  
START MUST LEAD TO A FINISH.

CHANGE IS THE GREY  
AREA WHICH MAKES  
THEM EACH RIGHT  
STORIES DON'T VANISH  
WHEN THEY'RE DONE.  
LIKE PEOPLE, THEY ONLY  
BECOME SOMETHING ELSE.

BUT I THINK THAT'S  
ENOUGH FOR NOW.



SUFFICE  
IT TO SAY THAT  
WE WERE MOSTLY  
COMFORTABLE  
WITH WHO AND  
WHAT WE HAD  
BECOME


THOUGH  
I DID HAVE THE  
DRESS ALTERED  
INTERMITTENTLY  
THE ORIGINAL CUT  
WAS... RATHER  
SEVERE

CRYSTAL'S  
GIFTS WERE  
RARELY SENSIBLE  
A TRAIT WHICH  
ENDURED AS THE  
YEARS DREW  
US APART

BUT..  
DIDNT  
YOU LOVE  
HER?

YES.

I STILL  
THINK OF THE  
NIGHT I HELD  
HER IN THE SKY  
SOMETIMES I DREAM  
I NEVER LET  
HER GO



WHY  
DID  
YOU?

BECAUSE  
SOMETHING  
HAPPENED WHEN  
SHE ASKED IF SHE  
COULD STAY WITH ME...  
I SAW THE FUTURE  
AND THE SECRET  
TO SPREADING  
MY CURSE

WITH LOVE  
I COULD HAVE  
MADE HER HEFASTIS.  
SHE COULD HAVE GROWN  
TO WANT ME, JUST AS I  
REALIZED I WANTED  
HER, AND SHE WOULD  
HAVE LIVED ONLY  
FOR ME

NEVER  
FOR HERSELF  
LANGUISHING  
FOREVER. SIMPLY  
CONTENT TO BE  
BY MY SIDE

THEN I SAW  
THE ALTERNATIVE  
A LIFE FULL OF  
TRANSFORMATION!  
IN MY ABSENCE SHE HAD BECOME  
A WRITER AND ARTIST WITH WALLY  
SHE WOULD BE AN ICON, A TEACHER.  
AND AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS AS  
THE WORLD MET THE MONSTERS.  
THEN, WHEN SHE WAS READY SHE  
WOULD CHANGE INTO A WIFE, A  
MOTHER.. A GRANDMOTHER..  
AND, FOR A WHILE, A GREAT  
GRANDMOTHER

WITH  
ME SHE WAS  
ONLY A  
CHILD





SO I  
NEVER  
CURSED HER  
NONE OF  
US DID

WALLY  
DIDN'T MAKE  
HER A WEREWOLF  
HE LOVED HER AS SHE  
WAS AND SHE WASN'T A  
WIZARD LIKE JACK,  
OR A VAMPIRE LIKE  
AUNT MICHELLE

SHE DIDN'T  
NEED A CURSE  
TO COME INTO  
HER OWN.

I DO!  
ONE DAY  
YOU'LL MAKE  
ME A ZEBRA GIRL!  
WON'T YOU?  
BECAUSE YOU  
LOVE ME!

HMM.

YOU KNOW,  
MY BIGGEST CHANGE  
WAS SIMPLY GOING  
FROM A GIRL TO A  
WOMAN. LET'S MAKE  
THAT YOUR PRIMARY  
CONCERN.

BESIDES,  
YOU'RE  
ALREADY  
A LITTLE  
MONSTER

HEE  
HEE.

TOMORROW  
I'LL TELL YOU  
ABOUT THE  
DRAGONS.

WAIT

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
MOTHER?

DID YOU  
SEE HER  
AGAIN?



OF  
COURSE  
I DID

I INVITED  
HER HERE, EXPLAINED  
EVERYTHING, AND SHE  
WAS HAPPY FOR ME IN  
SPIKE OF IT ALL BECAUSE  
THAT'S THE NATURE OF  
MOTHERS WHO LOVE  
THEIR DAUGHTERS  
VERY MUCH.

GOOD  
NIGHT,  
CLARITY



GOOD  
NIGHT,  
MUM.



YOU  
SHOULDN'T KEEP  
HER UP LIKE THAT  
SHE'LL BE DROWSY  
DURING HER  
LESSONS!

SORRY



HERE'S  
THE SCHEDULE  
FOR NEXT WEEK  
THE WIZARDS  
HAVE SET A NEW  
DATE FOR THEIR  
CONVENTION.

THANK  
YOU.



WANNA  
PLAY  
TWISTER??

LATER



I'LL BE WAITING I...

I WANT TO SPEAK TENDERLY



TO SAY SOMETHING KIND AND LOVING

DON'T WORK TOO HARD

THAT'S A LOVING THING TO SAY, ISN'T IT?



YOU'RE DOING GREAT



COUGH.



OH.

IT'S YOU.

THE ZEBRA GIRL  
THE COLLECTED MEMOIRS OF  
KHAZANDRA  
OF THE EASTERN LAKE



PLEASE  
IT'S ALMOST  
WHEN WILL  
YOU TELL  
MY STORY?

IT'S HARD  
TO TELL A  
STORY ABOUT  
NOTHING

I..I  
COULD BE  
SOMETHING.  
ANYTHING  
Y

NOTHING.

EMPTY  
SPACE, TRYING  
TO GROW AN  
IDENTITY WITH  
MYSTERY AND  
WASTED TIME

MY LIFE  
IS FULL.  
YOU DON'T GET  
A STORY ONLY  
AN ENDING.

SO

SHOO.

I  
SWEAR.

THE  
GREATEST  
TRICK THE DEVIL  
EVER PULLED WAS  
CONVINCING THE  
WORLD HE'S  
INTERESTING

SHALL WE REVIEW?  
IT'S ALL I CAN DO.  
AS CHALK CRUMBLING UP INTO DUST

I LOVED HER. I GUESS.  
BUT OH WHAT A MESS!  
I'M BETTER OFF STICKING TO LUST

SO WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?  
I'M ROASTED, I'VE BURNED  
IT'S CLEAR THAT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER

FOR THE EFFORT I GAVE,  
I THOUGHT I'D BE SAVED!  
TOGETHER WE'D CAST OFF OUR FETTERS

IT WAS EASY AS SIN,  
SLIPPING IN WITH A GRIN.  
AT THE ONSET IT ALL WENT TO PLAN

SHE WAS RIPE FOR THE PLUCKING!  
A VULNERABLE DUCKLING.  
I'D BE HER NEW MYSTERY MAN!

MY MANNER WAS SLICK,  
I USED EVERY TRICK,  
TO SUCK HER INSIDE MY EMBRACE

I JUST NEEDED TIME  
AND I'D MAKE HER MINE.  
AN ENGINE TO WIN ME A RACE

BUT SHE PULLED AWAY,  
SWERVED OUT OF MY SWAY,  
INTRIGUE MELTED DOWN TO DISTRACTION.

SHE GREW UP TOO FAST  
I JUST COULDN'T LAST!  
SHE DUMPED ME WITH DISSATISFACTION.

FOR LONG LONELY YEARS  
I WHISPERED IN EARS,  
HOPING TO RIDE ON HER POWER

YET HIGHER SHE FLEW,  
WHILE I SAT AND STEWED.  
WATCHING HER CLIMB UP THE TOWER

I SCRAPED AT THE DOOR.  
STILL HUNGRY FOR MORE,  
A PARASITE UNDER HER WING.

AND SHE SHRUGGED ME OFF  
I DIED WITH A COUGH,  
AN AFTERTHOUGHT OUT OF THE RING

OUR DANCE IS COMPLETE  
I'M FINALLY BEAT.  
EVICTED AT LAST FROM HER SHORE

SHE BLEW OFF THE SMOKE  
MY MIRRORS ARE BROKE  
SHE DOESN'T NEED ME ANYMORE

SO NOW I AM FALLING,  
I HEAR THE GROUND CALLING,  
I'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE WISELY NEXT TIME

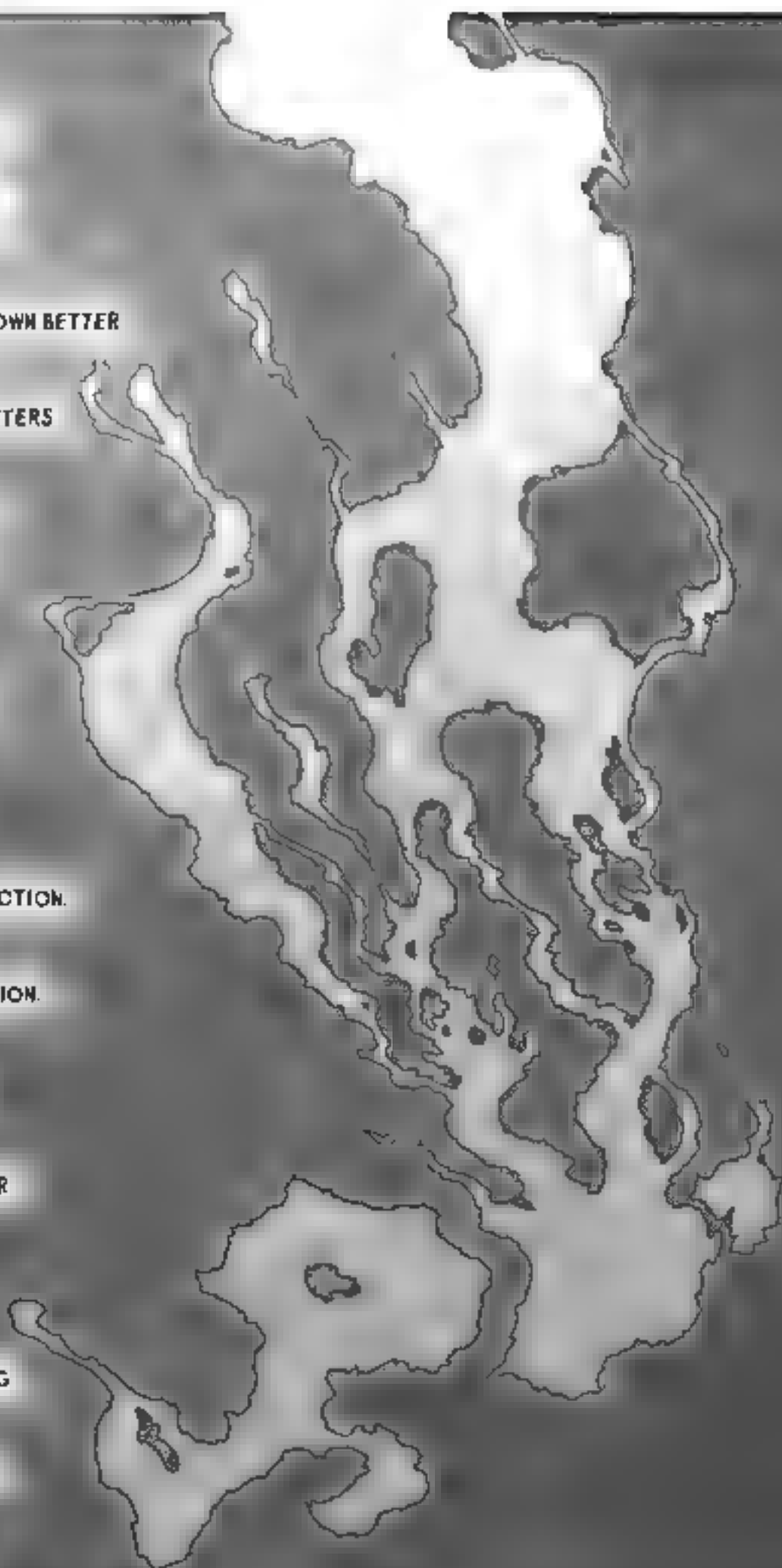
A NICE GIRL OR BOY,  
WHO I'LL MAKE A TOY  
TO DANCE AT THE END OF MY LINE

THEY'LL START A NEW STORY,  
A FRESH ROAD TO GLORY,  
THEIR TRUSTED SVENGALI AT HAND

I'LL TAKE A NEW SHAPE  
AND WE'LL TAKE THE CAKE  
I'LL FIND THEM AS SOON AS I LAND!

SOMEONE TO MOLD.  
AND BRING TO MY FOLD,  
A PREFERABLE MAGICAL DIVA.

A RABBIT A RAT  
SOMETHING EASY LIKE THAT  
GOD KNOWS YOU CAN'T TRAIN A ZEBRA



HM.







# ZEBRA GIRL

BY  
JOE  
ENGLAND

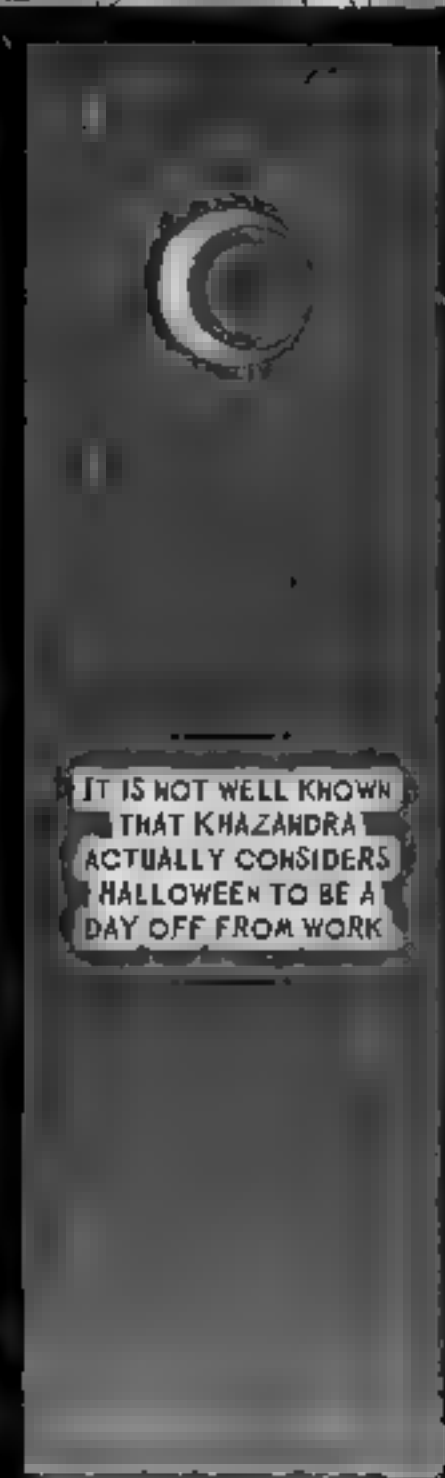
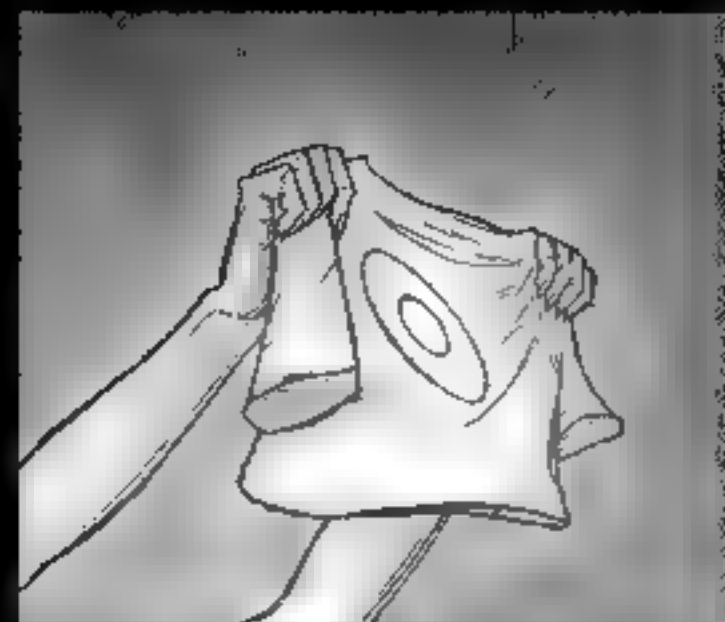
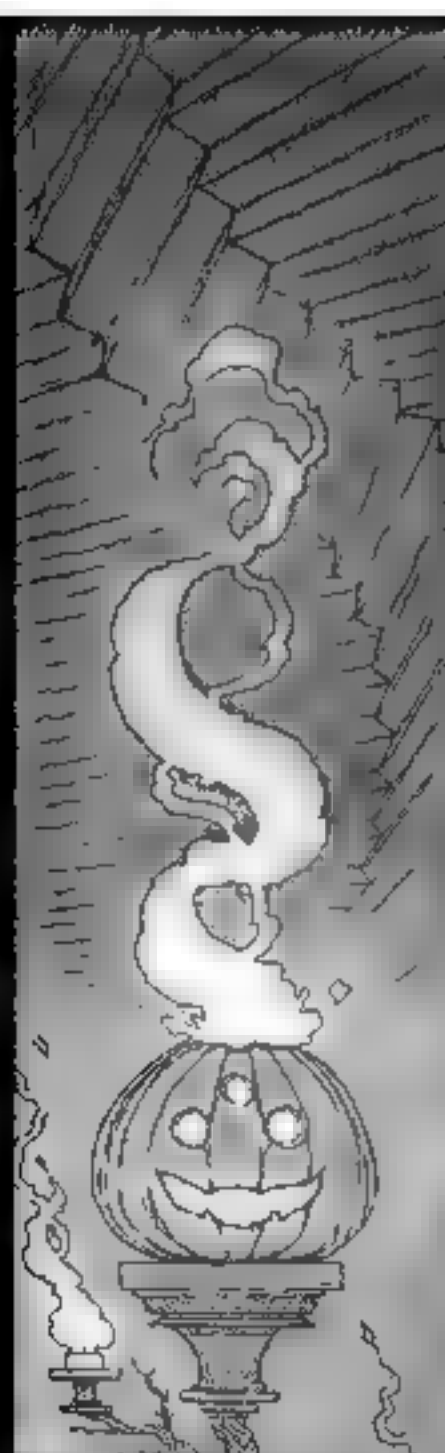
A TALE OF  
TRANSFORMATION  
TOLD IN WEEKS  
AND BOUNDS SINCE  
THE TURN OF A  
CENTURY!

NOW  
AVAILABLE  
TO READ FROM  
BEGINNING TO END,  
A COMPLETED  
URBAN FANTASY.

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# TALES OF THE WOODEN CASTLE

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT KHAZANDRA OF THE EASTERN LAKE GAINS SPECIAL POWERS ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THE ABILITY TO CHANGE HER SHAPE. IT IS USUALLY ASSUMED THAT SHE USES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WALK FREELY AMONGST THE MORTAL POPULATION. THEY LOOK FOR HER IN CROWDS, WARILY TRYING TO GLESS WHOS WHO. NO ONE HAS EVER SUCCESSFULLY FOUND HER. THOUGH WE KNOW THAT THE RUMORS ARE TRUE.



IT IS NOT WELL KNOWN THAT KHAZANDRA ACTUALLY CONSIDERS HALLOWEEN TO BE A DAY OFF FROM WORK.



# TALES OF THE WOODEN CASTLE

THOUGH HALLOWEEN WIDENS HER REPERTOIRE, KHAZANDRA'S OUTWARD APPEARANCE IS ALWAYS MALLEABLE. SHE MAY MANIFEST IN REFLECTIVE SURFACES, OR AT THE CORNERS OF EYES, OR AS A VAGUE IMPRESSION GLIMPSED IN OMINOUS SHADOWS. HER STRIPES ARE KNOWN TO SHIFT OVER TIME, UNDULATING GRADUALLY ACROSS HER SKIN. HER PERCEIVED HEIGHT VARIES DEPENDING ON HOW INTIMIDATING SHE NEEDS TO BE. AND, WHILE SHE GENERALLY CARRIES HERSELF WITH A HUMANOID BEARING, SHE SOMETIMES ASSUMES ONE OTHER GUISE WHICH WITNESSES HAVE QUITE REASONABLY DUBBED "THE NIGHTMARE"



YEAH!  
YEAH!  
HA HA  
HA!

AROUND  
THE YARD  
AGAIN!



AROUND  
AH...

YAWN

UH  
OH

SOUNDS  
LIKE IT'S TIME  
THIS LITTLE  
COWGIRL HIT  
THE HAY!



NO, NO,  
I, I, IM  
NOT ..

MAAMI

YOU'RE  
ALMOST LATE  
FOR YOUR  
MEETING WITH  
THE COUNCIL  
OF WOLVES!

I'LL  
PUT THE  
MONSTER  
TO BED



WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO CHANGE  
INTO SOME-  
THING LESS  
UNGULATE?

OH, YOU  
KNOW THE  
WOLVES THEY  
PREFER TO  
TALK ON ALL  
FOURS.

JUST  
LET ME  
STRETCH



GIGGLE



YKNOW,  
I ALWAYS  
WANTED A  
PONY

YOU  
CAN'T HAVE  
HER. SHE'S  
MINE



# TALES OF THE WOODEN CASTLE

THE AUTHORITY OF KHAZANDRA EXTENDS TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE NIGHT IN THE LAND OF MISCELLANEA, AND SHE OFTEN PRESIDES OVER CONSEQUENTIAL EVENTS BUT THE VARIOUS SUPERNATURAL SECTS ALSO SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT LIKE THE VAMPIRE CLIQUES AND THE GOBLIN CONSORTIA - WEREWOLVES TRADITIONALLY SUMMON GRAND ELDERS TO MEDIATE CASES OF PARTICULAR DISPUTE DRAWING ON THE WISDOM OF LYCANTHROPES WHO HAVE BECOME AGELESS IN ISOLATION AND SEEK REDEMPTION BY COMMUNITY SERVICE

I THOUGHT THOSE PACKS WOULD NEVER GET ALONG

I'M GLAD YOU WERE HERE DOYENNE YOU'RE A CALMING PRESENCE

I DO FEEL CALM WITH THESE WOLVES THEY HAVE WALLY'S SCENT

HE ALWAYS MADE ME GENTLE

FAMILY CHANGES US.

STILL SO YOUNG

TWO HUNDRED YEARS GROWING INCREASINGLY DEPRESSED. AND YOU THINK ONE CHILD HAS CURED YOUR DISPOSITION?

YOU SAID THE FIRST FEW CENTURIES ARE HARDEST THE TURNING POINT HAS TO COME SOMEWHERE

IT TAKES AT LEAST HALF A MILLENNIUM TO REALLY FIND BALANCE I WAS WRETCHEDED WHEN WE MET YOU'RE DUE FOR ANOTHER ROUGH PATCH AFTER THAT GIRL'S THREE SCORE AND TEN

HER LIFETIME IS A MATTER OF DISCUSSION. I'M CONSIDERING GRANTING HER MY CURSE

MORE OF YOU? THERE'S A THOUGHT BUT I KNOW BETTER THAN MOST THAT FOSTERING IMMORTALS DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK OUT

I'M NOT YOU.

I KNOW HOW TO BE A REAL MOTHER

THAT WAS CRUEL

SHOULD I TAKE IT BACK?

NA.

NO

AH, I WISH WE COULD TALK MORE OFTEN.

LISTEN. I HAVE WINE WHY DON'T WE-

I NEED TO GET BACK BUT COME TO THE HOUSE SOMETIME WE'LL BE SOCIAL

IN YOUR GIANT CABIN? YOU'D TALK MY EAR OFF

BESIDES, AREN'T YOU HAVING A FLING WITH THAT SLAVE OF YOURS? SHE'LL BE JEALOUS

ALRIGHT FIRST IT'S MORE THAN A FLING SECOND BEING SOCIAL DOESN'T ALWAYS ENTAIL A NIGHT OF INTIMACY

AND THIRD, BETTY WOULDN'T MIND EITHER WAY IN FACT I THINK SHE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE US ALL IN A PILE

NAA

MAYBE I'LL STOP BY, AFTER ALL

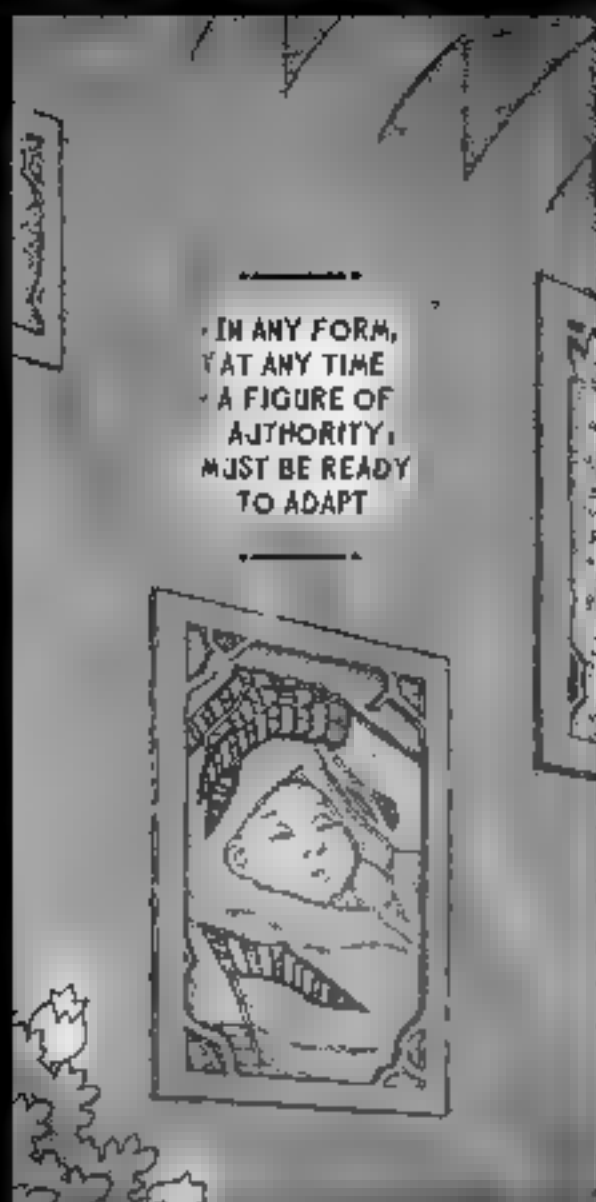
OH, GROW UP

NOT MY FAULT YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL

TALES OF THE  
WOODEN CASTLE



KHAZANDRA'S SELECTION OF SHAPES VARIES NOT ONLY BY OCCASION OR BY ENVIRONMENT BUT ALSO BY THE COMPANY SHE KEEPS. EMPATHIC BY NATURE, SHE SOMETIMES CHOOSES TO PERSONALIZE HER PRESENCE TO FIT THE DISPOSITION OF HER AUDIENCE. SHE MAY BE VOLUPTUOUS FOR THE LASCIVIOUS, BURLY FOR THE BELIGERENT, SLENDER, STOUT, OR SIMPLY SHOCKING. IN THIS FASHION SHE DEMONSTRATES INTIMATE AWARENESS OF HER ACQUAINTANCES, FROM ALLIES TO ENEMIES. AND SOMETIMES, IT MERELY PLEASES HER TO ALTER HER STYLE ON A WHIM, CONFIDENT IN HER VERSATILITY. SHE EASILY NAVIGATES THE ROLES SHE MUST PLAY, EVEN WHEN NO LITERAL METAMORPHOSIS IS REQUIRED. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE BOTH FIRM AND FLEXIBLE WHEN MANAGING ALL MANNER OF MONSTERS.





NOW,  
WHAT'S  
THE BIG  
IDEA?

I  
JUST  
AMH. I  
WANTED  
TO SEE  
YOU.

YOU  
SEE ME ALL  
THE TIME,  
SWEET  
HEART

BUT  
YOU'RE SO  
BEAUTIFUL!  
AND STRONG!  
YOU CAN BE  
ANYTHING YOU  
WANT!

ONE DAY I'LL  
HAVE MAGIC,  
AND CLAWS, AND  
STRIPES. JUST  
LIKE YOU! I  
CAN'T WAIT!

CLARITY

I KNOW,  
I KNOW!  
BUT I CAN'T  
HELP IT!

EVERYONE  
IN THE HOUSE  
IS POWERFUL  
BUT ME!  
I'M LIKE...  
NOTHING!

OH,  
DEAR

LISTEN.  
I'M PROUD OF  
MY CONDITION.  
BUT REMEMBER,  
I WASN'T  
ALWAYS.

AT FIRST I  
FELT HELPLESS.  
I ENVIED HUMANS  
THEIR SKIN, THEIR  
FACES, THEIR  
FINGERS,  
THEIR LIVES.

YES I  
HAVE STRONG  
MAGIC, BUT I  
GAINED MY BEST  
POWER WHEN I  
REALIZED WHAT  
CREATES  
BEAUTY.

LOOK AT  
THE JACK O'  
LANTERN.

IT'S JUST  
A BUTCHERED  
GOURD.  
ALL IT HAS  
ARE HOLES.

BUT A  
FIRE INSIDE  
CAN MAKE IT  
ENCHANTING!  
THAT SPARK OF  
LIGHT IS THE  
REAL JACK O'  
LANTERN.

YOU HAVE  
YOUR OWN LIGHT.  
PLAIN AS DAY TO  
MY EYES, BETTER  
THAN ANY MAGIC  
I CAN GIVE.

WITHOUT IT  
THE STRONGEST  
SHARPEST, MOST  
SHAPELY MONSTER IS  
NOTHING. AND WITH  
IT YOU'RE A  
GODDESS.

I DON'T  
FEEL  
LIKE A  
GODDESS.


WELL,  
MAYBE  
AFTER A GOOD  
NIGHT'S  
SLEEP.

ONE  
DAY

THE CURSE OF  
CLARITY

END?

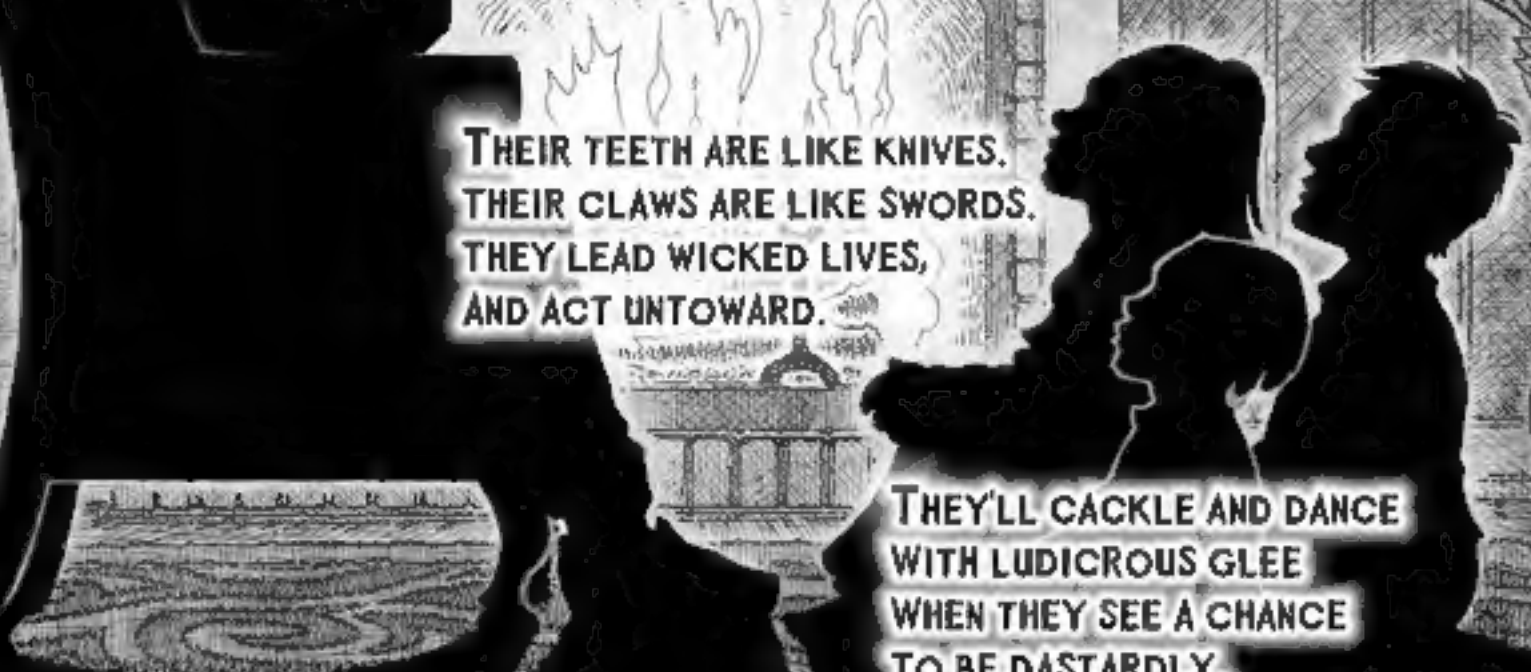





IN THE BLACK WARREN'S COOP,  
IN THE CRACKS OF YOUR HEART,  
THERE DWELL THE FELL POOK,  
ALL VORPAL AND DARK.

THEY'RE SLIGHTLY LIKE RABBITS,  
BUT REALLY THEY'RE BEASTS,  
WHOSE HIDEOUS HABITS  
TIE TRICKS INTO TREATS.

THEIR TEETH ARE LIKE KNIVES.  
THEIR CLAWS ARE LIKE SWORDS.  
THEY LEAD WICKED LIVES,  
AND ACT UNTOWARD.



THEY'LL CACKLE AND DANCE  
WITH LUDICROUS GLEE  
WHEN THEY SEE A CHANCE  
TO BE DASTARDLY.



IF YOU'RE A FAIR CHILD  
WHO DOES WHAT IS RIGHT,  
THOUGH KINDLY AND MILD,  
YOU'RE DEAD IN THEIR SIGHT.

FOR POOK MUCH PREFER  
THE SWEETEST OF SOULS.  
GOOD DEEDS WON'T DETER  
THEIR HIDEOUS GOALS.

SO DON'T HESITATE  
TO ACT UP A BIT.  
EXCLAIM WHAT YOU HATE,  
AND THROW HISSY FITS.

POOK AREN'T INCLINED  
TO BOTHER YOU THEN,  
IF YOU ACT IN KIND,  
AND BE MORE LIKE THEM!



PARABLES TO KNOW  
OF RABBITS AND WOE

BY JOE  
ENGLAND



# BLACK BETTY

ONE NIGHT IN A VILLAGE THEY BUILT ON A SLANT  
THERE CAME TO BE HEARD A MYSTERIOUS CHANT.

IT FLEW THROUGH THE AIR AND IT WAFTED AROUND,  
AND THIS, MORE OR LESS, WAS HOW IT WOULD SOUND:

"I AM BLACK BETTY, BLACK BETTY I AM,  
SINISTER KIN OF A SINISTER CLAN."

NO ONE COULD SAY JUST FROM WHERE THE CHANT CAME,  
OR WHO SHOULD EXCLAIM THIS PECULIAR NAME,

OR WHY THEY WOULD BE SO INCLINED TO CONFESS  
THAT THEY WORE SO MORBID A FORM OF ADDRESS.

"I AM BLACK BETTY, BLACK BETTY I AM,  
SINISTER KIN OF A SINISTER CLAN."

IT SOUNDED AGAIN, AND IN THE TOWN SQUARE  
THE TOWN SPEAKER SAID, "WE ALL MUST BEWARE!"

"THIS VOICE HAUNTING US IS A SIGNAL OF DOOM!  
NOW EVERY GOOD CHILD MUST GO TO THEIR ROOM!"

AND EVERY GOOD CHILD WHO HAPPENED TO HEAR  
MADE SURE TO RETREAT TO THEIR ROOM OUT OF FEAR.

THEY BURIED THEMSELVES UNDERNEATH THE BED COVERS,  
DRIFTING TO SLEEP TO THE SONGS OF THEIR MOTHERS.

AND EACH MOTHER WENT OUT THE DOOR TO KEEP GUARD,  
WHILE FATHERS DETERMINED TO WATCH THE FRONT YARD.

BUT SOMETIME AT NIGHT ALL THE CHILDREN AWOKE,  
EACH IN THEIR TURN, AT SOME HOUR'S STROKE,

AS A SMALL RHYME CAME FROM UNDER THEIR BEDS,  
OR, IN SOME CASES, THE CLOSET INSTEAD.

"I AM BLACK BETTY, BLACK BETTY I AM,  
SINISTER KIN OF A SINISTER CLAN."


"NOW THAT WE'VE MET, AND YOU KNOW MY NAME,  
SINCE I'M IN YOUR ROOM, LET'S PLAY US A GAME!"

AND WHEN THE SUN ROSE MOM AND DAD CRIED "AMEN,"  
BUT FOUND NOT A TRACE OF THE BABES THEY'D TUCKED IN.

THE SLANTED PLACE FELL INTO WAILS OF DESPAIR,  
WHILE A CLAN WELCOMED WHELPS INTO SINISTER CARE.







**I**N THEIR BLACK WARREN POOK PLAY A SEASONAL GAME  
TO SEE WHO INHERITS AN INFAMOUS NAME.

A TITLE BESTOWED, THE WINNER IS OWED  
A MANTLE THEY BEAR WITH ACCLAIM.

THE PICK OF THE YEAR EMERGES TO HEAR  
SWEET EARTHLY TIDINGS OF CHEER HERE AND THERE.  
WITH A SLAVERING TONGUE THEY PROWL FOR THE YOUNG,  
THEIR GRIN STRETCHING CLEAR EAR TO EAR.

FROM THE SHADE THEY ATTACK WITH A MAGICAL SACK,  
BUNDLING THEIR VICTIMS AND DRAGGING THEM BACK  
TO THE STYGIAN PLANE FROM WHENCE THE WRAITH CAME,  
WHERE KIDS ARE DELIVERED LIKE GIFTS TO UNWRAP.

THIS IS THE HOLIDAY POOK CELEBRATE  
WHILE WINTER PUTS FOLKS IN A PEACEABLE STATE.  
FOR MONSTERS ARE NEAR AT ALL TIMES OF THE YEAR,  
AND A KRAMPUS, ONCE CROWNED, NEVER MISSES A DATE.





HARK!

I EMERGE  
FROM THE  
DUST TO  
DECLARE...

THE TIME  
HAS COME  
TO MAKE  
A NEW  
COMIC!

IF WE  
HAVEN'T MET,  
I'M JOE ENGLAND,  
AUTHOR OF AN OLD  
GREY MARE CALLED  
ZEBRA GIRL! AND  
HOPEFULLY, SOON,  
ITS SEQUEL!

WITCH WARP!  
AN ISEKAI TALE  
OF AN INCIPIENT  
SORCERESS, A CAT,  
AND A MAGIC  
STRING  
TRIMMER!

THIS IS  
THE STORY I  
WANT TO TELL!  
HOWEVER,  
THERE ARE...  
STUMBLING  
BLOCKS.



UM...

MY MOTHER'S  
BEEN DIAGNOSED  
WITH DEMENTIA.  
I'M HER  
CARETAKER.

A LOT OF  
MY TIME'S SPENT  
LOOKING AFTER HER.  
AND OUR DOG, AND  
OUR HOUSE, AND OUR  
FINANCES. WE'RE JUST  
SCRAPING BY NOW,  
AND THINGS ARE  
GOING TO GET  
TOUGHER.

NOT TO  
MENTION, I'M  
NOT AS YOUNG  
AS I USED TO BE.  
DRAWING'S  
HARD ON MY  
BONES.



AND... OUR  
OTHER DOG  
JUST PASSED  
AWAY.

OOF.

BOTTOM LINE,  
I CAN'T FOCUS ON  
MAKING COMICS OR BOOKS  
WHILE THINGS ARE THIS TIGHT.  
SO I'M ASKING FOR SUPPORT.  
I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE  
MY PATREON CAMPAIGN TO  
\$1,000 A MONTH FOR WITCH WARP  
AND INTERSTITIAL ILLUSTRATIONS,  
WITH A STRETCH GOAL OF \$2,000  
SO I CAN FINALLY KEEP MY  
PROMISES TO FINISH THE  
POOK! BOOK OF POEMS  
AND THE ZEBRA GIRL  
OMNIBUS.

I'M  
GRATEFUL FOR  
ANY HELP, WHETHER  
IT'S A CONTRIBUTION  
OF ANY SIZE OR JUST  
SPREADING THE WORD.  
I REALLY WANT TO  
GET THIS GRASS  
CUTTER OFF THE  
GROUND.

I HOPE  
YOU'RE  
ALONG FOR  
THE RIDE.

